

Liturgy Alive of Weekday in Ordinary Time

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
your Son Jesus Christ, challenges us
to honor you not only with our lips
but also in our hearts and with our deeds.
Help us to respond to his word
with all that is in us
and with him to seek your will
in all we do.
Grant us this through Christ, our Lord.

First Reading Introduction:

When it took time for God's promise to Abraham and Sarah to give him a son, Abraham begets a son from his maid Agar. Ishmael, though rejected by Sarah, will become the forefather of the fierce and independent Bedouins.

Gospel Reading Introduction:

"Not those who say, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom, but one who does the will of my Father." We are familiar with Jesus' words, but do we follow them? Do we build on rock, that is, follow Jesus, or do we follow ourselves and our whims and so build on sand?

General Intercessions

- That we may not just hear and know the Word of God but act accordingly and enthusiastically, we pray:
- That the Lord may be the rock in whom we put our trust and in whom we build our lives, that our faith may be rich and meaningful, we pray:
- That our friendships may be firm and reliable, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
this bread and this wine are signs
that we want to do your will.
Give us your Son to go with us
the loyal road to you and to people.
For you are our God, for ever and ever.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, our rock,
we want to build our lives on you
by the power of Jesus, your Son.

Through him, make us strong enough
to keep on our feet when the rains of sorrow come,
and the floods of trials rise,
and when the storm winds
of doubt and fear blow in us,
for you are our firm rock for ever.

Blessing

We want our life to be meaningful, to give direction to it. Let it be the direction given to it by God, by Jesus and his Gospel. Let us with Jesus seek God's will in all we do, for then, we are sure our life is built on rock, solid and consistent. May God fill you with his blessing: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.