

# Liturgy Alive of Monday 14th Week in Ordinary Time Year 1

## Opening Prayer

God of all that breathes and lives,  
your Son Jesus, touched people  
and they were healed and they lived.  
Let him take us by the hand  
and raise us up from sin and discouragement.  
Let him touch us with his body and blood  
and make us fresh and new again  
to live his life and to go his way to you.  
Let him touch us with the warmth of his love  
that our love may revive others,  
especially the poor and those who suffer.  
All this we ask through Christ, our Lord.

**First Reading Introduction:** Jacob had a dream: a stairway rested on the ground and God's messengers were going up and down on it and the Lord was speaking.

Today's first reading about the ladder of Jacob tells us about the continuous presence of God to those he loves. God himself is there, stooping down to people and messengers of God coming down and going up. This means that his continuous solicitude surrounds us. God is here, with us; we live in his love as long as we want to.

**Gospel Reading Introduction:** My daughter has just died, but come and she will live.

God has made us for life. In Jesus, he shows us that he wants us to be healed, that is, wholly and fully alive and raised from the dead, for by his resurrection Jesus defeats death in its roots. In this Eucharist, we ask Jesus to raise us up, from the death of sin and ultimately from physical death.

## General Intercessions

- That the Church may continue with compassion Jesus' healing ministry, that the sick may be comforted, the downtrodden set free and the poor and the weak protected, we pray:
- That doctors and nurses and all who care for the sick and the handicapped may have a great respect for life and be inspired in their task by the love of Christ, we pray:
- That the faith and the hope of the sick and the dying may be firmly anchored in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; that with him, they may accept their pains with patience, and when the time comes, also accept death as the gateway to full life, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father,  
this is your dwelling place  
to which you have invited us.  
We offer you here all our love and trust,  
through him who had placed himself

into your hands  
and kept trusting in you even in death,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

God our Father,  
our life and death are in your hands.  
We are certain of you  
because we know your love is irrevocable  
and you have given us your Son in this Eucharist.  
May we learn from you and him  
to be present to one another  
and to be reliable messengers to each other  
of your care and your gratuitous love.  
We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

### **Blessing**

God wants us to live to the full. That is why he lets his Son, Jesus Christ, heal and strengthen us with the food and drink of everlasting life. May Almighty God bless and keep you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.