

Liturgy Alive of Thursday 14th Week in Ordinary Time - Year 1

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
you send us all on the mission
of making your kingdom known
by the way we live the Gospel
of Jesus Christ, your Son.
Give us a sense of mission, we pray you,
and do not let the cares of the day
or the weight of possessions
keep us from bearing witness
that you are our God
and that Jesus is the Lord
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit for ever.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction: It was really for the sake of saving lives that God sent me here ahead of you.

When Joseph was sold to the Egyptians, he was “sent” on the mission of saving his brothers, as he realized years later. He repaid the evil his brothers had done to him with the good of saving them from famine.

Gospel Reading Introduction: Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

Jesus sends his Twelve Apostles to announce the kingdom of heaven. They have to be detached from possessions, even from people. They are to be poor also in the sense that they must accept the insecurity of not being received well. Perhaps, we could retain these words of Jesus today: you received without charge, give without charge: your love, your service, your commitment.

General Intercessions

- That pastors and lay people in the Church may untiringly announce the Good News as the source of happiness and peace for all, we pray:
- That we may find peace within ourselves, learn to accept ourselves, and set aside pride and hunger for power to seek genuine and lasting peace, we pray:
- That missionaries everywhere may make the Gospel credible by their evangelical lifestyle, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
Jesus, your Son comes among us

in the poverty of a piece of bread
and a few drops of wine.

As he gives himself to us free of charge,
may we too, learn to share free of charge
what we have and are.

Let this be our offering to you
through Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Our generous God,
this has been a Eucharist,
a real thanksgiving to your merciful love.
Out of gratitude,
may we do the work your Son gave to his disciples:
to fight the forces of evil in and around us,
to heal and to care,
and thus, to proclaim in our deeds and lives
that you are a loving God
and that your Son, Jesus Christ,
is our saving Lord for ever.

Blessing

We have received without charge all God's forgiveness and life. Let us also give them without charge and generously pass them on to one another, with the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.