

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
when we cry out to you,  
we wonder at times whether you hear us  
for your silence is sometimes oppressive.  
Keep us trusting in your goodness  
and your constant presence.  
Give us what is good when we ask you,  
and also when we forget to ask,  
let us find you when we seek you,  
open to us when we knock,  
  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Introduction

To the prophet Malachi and the pious Jews, the apparently happy life of sinners was a scandal. To them, who practiced their faith, God seemed absent and not listening to their prayers. But God will hear them and do justice to each on the day of judgment. Christ tells us to persevere in our prayers. God hears and will give what we need.

## Gospel Introduction

Luke tells us that Jesus prayed often. And insistently, as at his agony. Now he tells us that Jesus wants us too to be persevering, insistent and even bold in our prayer. For God is good. How can he resist us when we pray? He will give us not only good things but also the Holy Spirit, the gift that contains all gifts.

## General Intercessions

- For those in the Church to whom the ministry of forgiveness had been especially entrusted, that they may be uncompromising with evil, yet welcome sinners with respect and merciful love, we pray:

- For contemplative monks and nuns, that we may appreciate their life of penance and prayer and be grateful for the Lord's blessings they obtain for us, we pray:

- For all Christians, that our prayers for the poor and the suffering may commit us more to bring them justice, to lighten their burdens and restore their dignity, we pray:

### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
you let us experience your goodness  
by giving us Jesus, your Son,  
In these signs of bread and wine  
we express our trust in you.  
Be merciful to us and hear our prayers.  
Grant us the bread of your Son  
and the things we need in life  
for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
  
you Son and our Lord for ever.

### Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
in answer to our pleading  
you have given the bread of life,  
to us, your special possession.  
Accept our thanks

and help us not to be deaf  
to the cries of those who appeal to us.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

#### **Blessing**

"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." For God is good and he blesses you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.