

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Lord God,  
to have an aim, a purpose,  
a sure destiny to go to,  
even at the cost of sacrifice and pain,  
is very reassuring in all its uncertainty.  
Keep us going on our way in faith and trust,  
without fear or hesitation,  
for we are sure that nothing can harm us  
and that no prison made by human hands or minds  
can deprive us from the inner freedom  
which you have given us

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Introduction

Absolute trust in God should be a basic characteristic of every Christian. Remember that Jesus died for us and God did not stop him, for he loves us very much. In the difficulties and trials of life, we should not lose our serenity, for God is with us and he cares.

## Gospel Introduction

Jesus is warned by apparently sympathetic Pharisees that Herod may kill him. Jesus replies that he has already faced evil spirits and will continue on his way to Jerusalem, – “I must continue on my way” where death awaits him “today, tomorrow, and the next day,” that is, soon. Are we people marked by courage? Let us pray to the Lord for strength.

## General Intercessions

– For all who are persecuted for their faith, that Jesus may give them the strength to remain faithful, we pray:

– For couples whose roads in marriage passes through difficult moments, that their love may not fail, we pray:

– For all of us, that through questions, doubts and difficulties God may help our faith grow, we pray:

### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
your Son Jesus accepted  
to go all the way to his destiny  
of suffering and death  
because he believed in your love.  
By this bread and this wine  
keep us believing in your victory  
over evil and death  
and let them become for us  
the source of strength and courage  
in our struggle for all that is good.

We ask you this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,

we overcome evil with your Son  
when we opt for integrity and truth,  
for patience and forgiveness.

Keep us going on our way

And strengthen in us the conviction  
that the reality of evil and sin  
within us and in the world  
can never be victorious,  
for all that is good cannot die  
since your Son rose from the dead,

and he is our Lord for ever.

**Blessing**

We must be on our way with the Lord, consistently, even in the difficulties of life. We know our goal: love of God and of people, and nothing should stop us. We know we are in the hands of God. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.