

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

God, almighty Father,  
each of us too could say:  
Let me see again, for I am blind to the love  
that you show me in the people around me.  
Let me see again,  
for I am blind to your goodness and beauty  
that you reveal to me in your creation  
and in the events of life.  
May we too hear from the lips of your Son:  
your faith has saved you.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Introduction

This week the first reading in Year I will be taken from the two canonical books of the Maccabees. These tell the story of the epic fight of the Jews against the Syrian empire. The Syrian king wanted to unify the kingdom under Hellenistic culture. Many Jews felt that their adherence to the Mosaic law isolated them and went along, but a faithful core, later most of the Jewish people, fought to defend their faith and their culture, some even sacrificing their lives for this purpose.

## Gospel Introduction

After Jesus had scolded the apostles for their lack of understanding and faith, Luke shows him curing the blind man. Is it perhaps to teach the apostles a lesson and showing them that they need to be healed from their blindness by faith? In any case, Jesus becomes light and gives light to the blind man. We ask our Lord to give us eyes of faith.

## General Intercessions

— Lord, see the eyes of children that are open to life; see the eyes full of hope of those who believe in your future; fill them with your light, we pray:

— Lord, see the eyes full of hatred or spite of those who are frustrated; see the joy in the eyes of those who know how to love, we pray:

— Lord, see the eyes of those who suffer; see the eyes of those who are shut to others, we pray:

### Prayer over the Gifts

God, almighty Father,  
through this bread and wine  
we ask you to give us  
the light of our lives, your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him, the Son of David,  
have pity on us,  
that we may praise you  
for the saving goodness which you show us

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

Lord our God, in this eucharist  
you have let us experience your goodness  
through Jesus' saving presence.  
Do not allow us to hide his light  
or to darken the lives of our neighbor.  
Make us clear-eyed and let us be lights  
for those without insight or hope.

by the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Blessing**

When we are at times blind to what God asks of us, we too cry out: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. Let me see again." And may he answer us, "Receive your sight. Your faith has saved you." May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.