

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Introduction

The life of a pious Jew could be summed up as a response to God's covenant of love with a covenant loyalty. This is also the life of a Christian, even more so: as God takes the initiative of offering his gratuitous love to his people and to each of us, so we try to give him a response of faithful love and offer to our neighbor a spontaneous, gratuitous love which comes from the depth of our being and commits us beyond the call of the law. Christian life is then communion with God, communion with people, even with enemies, for there should be no enemies for Christians.

### Opening Prayer

Lord God, from you comes the initiative of love.  
You seek us out and you tell us:  
"I am your God; you are my people."  
You love us in Jesus Christ, your Son.  
God, may our response of love  
go far beyond the demands of any law.  
May we seek you and commune with you  
in the deepest of our being  
and may we express our gratitude to you  
by going to our neighbor  
with a love that is spontaneous like yours.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

## General Intercessions

- That our Church and our Christian communities may be places of forgiveness, where we let God's sun shine on good and bad alike, we pray:
- That all of us may let our conscience guide us to choose good above evil, also when it is uncomfortable, we pray:
- That love may remain or become again the key to our understanding of all laws and commandments, we pray:

### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God, loving Father,  
in this eucharist  
your Son gives himself to you and to us  
with a free response of total commitment.  
May he share this kind of love with us,  
that we may become inventive and creative  
in committing ourselves to the happiness  
of all those far and near,  
that together we may be your people  
and you our God for ever

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
you have made us your priestly people  
to proclaim to the whole world  
that you are a saving and loving God.  
Grateful for your spontaneous love,  
may we be aware of our task,  
and be your word that encourages and forgives,  
your hands that bless,  
your feet that seek out what is lost,

in the strength of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Blessing

Love your enemies and pray even for those who hurt you. Not an easy task, but something that should be the mark of Christians. We have hurt God and he forgives. We should do the same for one another, with the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit •