

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
the injustice found in the world upsets us.
Forgive us the wrongs we have committed
and do not allow us to add
to the evil in the world
by exploiting our brothers and sisters
and using them for our own purposes.
Rather, teach and help us
to stand up for integrity and truth
out of the goodness of our hearts
and not to take revenge.

We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction

It is the continuous temptation of people to get what we want, if necessary by unjust means and by exploiting others, like Ahab expropriating the vineyard of Naboth.

Gospel Reading Introduction

Jesus tells us not to repay the unjust by revenge. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" is not Christian. We must rather suffer injustice and let people take advantage of us, at least, when the injustice is done against us. But other parts of the Scriptures tell us to defend others if they are wronged, like the poor, and to fight injustice through goodness and forgiveness. That is how we must break the spiral of evil.

General Intercessions

– That in our world, people may learn not to repay violence with more violence, but as much as possible resist evil in a nonviolent way, we pray:
– That reconciliation may be the mark of Christians when they have suffered from personal enmity and hurt, we pray:

– That we may have the courage to stand up for the injustice done to the poor and those exploited, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

God, our Father,
in these signs of bread and wine,
we bring before you our willingness
to be just and fair to every person.
But we ask you even for more.
Give us the disposition of your Son,
that we may forgive wholeheartedly
those who have wronged us,
and repay evil with kindness.

We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
you have shown your goodness to us
by giving us your own Son.
With him, we want to be on the side
of the poor and the disinherited.
Do not allow us to remain silent
when people are trampled upon,
but give us the courage and the patience
to make this cold world
a place of justice and respect for people
and warm it with the love

of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Blessing

Break the spiral of evil! Each of us, in her or his own place, has to do away with evil, in oneself, and as much as one can in one's family, occupation and employment and community. May God give you the strength and bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.