

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Faithful God,  
we thank you for our faith,  
which we have received from you  
as a gift to be developed with your help.  
Make our faith grow day after day.  
Let it give meaning to our life  
and express itself in love and justice.  
Let it bring us joy and understanding  
and make us very close to you and to people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## Introduction to the First Reading

The prophet Habakkuk assures the people of God. He says: Even if you do not understand God's ways, remain faithful to God, for he is a God on whom you can rely.

## Introduction to Gospel Reading

If we look back to the Bible and to history, even recent history about persons we have known or who are perhaps still alive, even discreet, humble people, but people of faith who take the word of Jesus seriously, we see that with them God can do very great things, can do the impossible. But we must really believe. Even a grain of faith can work miracles. Let us ask for this grain of faith.

## General Intercessions

- That the Church may bring the light of faith where there is darkness and indifference, hope where there is fatalism and despair, love where there is hatred and strife, we pray:
- That leaders, prophets, witnesses of faith and all others who have the task of keeping alive our hope in a better world, may be guided by the Holy Spirit, we pray:
- That those who are discouraged by trials, by their doubts and fears, may keep believing and hoping in a God who brings everything to a good end, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father,  
we firmly believe that Jesus your Son  
will change into himself  
these simple gifts of bread and wine,  
so that he might be with us  
with all his strength and love.  
Help us to believe with all that is in us  
that he is also with us in everyday life  
as the Lord of our lives and our friend,  
who gives meaning to all we do.  
Let him make our faith a way of life  
that gives you all honor and praise,

now and for ever.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,

accept our thanks for giving us Jesus  
to revive and strengthen our faith.  
Reassure us that he stays with us  
in the cares and the heat of the day,  
and that, with him walking by our side,  
everything becomes possible.  
Keep this faith and hope alive in us  
and help us to bear witness to it  
through him who is with us always.

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing**

"If you had faith the size of a tiny seed." It is perhaps good that at times our faith is tried and tested through difficulties and questions, so as not to become complacent. Let us place our trust in the love and concern of God, with the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.