

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

God our Father,  
you tell us today how Jesus prayed  
and taught his disciples to pray,  
first and foremost, for the glory of your name,  
for the coming and growth of your kingdom,  
and for heaven and earth to do your will.  
We know that this will is a Father's will  
and so, we ask of you with trusting faith:  
Let your will be ours,  
let your glory be ours,  
let your kingdom of peace and justice,  
of love and forgiveness be ours

and let it grow among us, now and for ever.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Introduction

Though he had received his mission from Jesus and worked mainly among pagans, Paul was in union with those who worked among the Jews; they approved of his work, but asked him to help the poor Christians of Jewish origin. Paul tells the Galatians also how he stood up to Peter the time when the latter did not eat from the table of Christians coming from paganism under pressure from Christians from Jewish origin. That's hypocrisy, said Paul.

# Gospel Introduction

The disciples must have admired Jesus when he prayed, for when he had finished, they asked him to teach them to pray. This is indeed what we too should ask him in this eucharist, that our prayer may be wide and deep like his, giving honor to the Father and bringing to him the stream of the needs and concerns of all. And like him too, in our prayers we try not to bend God's will to ours, but ours to God's will and General Intercessions .

# General Intercessions

- That we may be praying people, so that the source of our strength may never run dry and that we may live and work in the presence of God, we pray:

- That for Christians and for all people, prayer may not become a flight from life or from involvement with people in need, we pray:

- That we may learn from Christ to place first things first when we pray, to give priority to things that really matter: the coming of God's kingdom and the good of the People of God, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father,  
the gifts here in our hands  
express the prayers of all those present  
and also of those who are not here,  
Help us to grow in depth and width  
in a life of faith and prayer.  
Teach us to pray like your Son,  
that you may accept us with him

who is our Lord for ever.

## Prayer after Communion

God our Father,  
keep us listening to your Word,  
as we have done here in the presence of your Son.  
Keep us in constant dialogue with you,  
that we may also be capable of dialogue  
with the world and with our brothers and sisters.

Let prayer be to us a source of commitment  
that never dries up.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

#### **Blessing**

It is good to remember that as Christians, we have the task to pray for all people. It is our role to be mediators, just as we are also mediators of peace and reconciliation. May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.