

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,
when we cry out to you,
we wonder at times whether you hear us
for your silence is sometimes oppressive.
Keep us trusting in your goodness
and your constant presence.
Give us what is good when we ask you,
and also when we forget to ask,
let us find you when we seek you,
open to us when we knock,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction

Like the Galatians, we fall easily prey to the perpetual temptation of creating our own righteousness, of trying to save ourselves by rites and practices. These give us a feeling of security. And then, comes the thought, usually disguised: If I am above reproach, if I have done my duty, I am safe. In no uncertain terms Paul tells us:

you are saved not by the Law but by faith in Christ.

Gospel Introduction

Luke tells us that Jesus prayed often. And insistently, as at his agony. Now he tells us that Jesus wants us too to be persevering, insistent and even bold in our prayer. For God is good. How can he resist us when we pray? He will give us not only good things but also the Holy Spirit, the gift that contains all gifts.

General Intercessions

- For those in the Church to whom the ministry of forgiveness had been especially entrusted, that they may be uncompromising with evil, yet welcome sinners with respect and merciful love, we pray:

- For contemplative monks and nuns, that we may appreciate their life of penance and prayer and be grateful for the Lord's blessings they obtain for us, we pray:

- For all Christians, that our prayers for the poor and the suffering may commit us more to bring them justice, to lighten their burdens and restore their dignity, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
you let us experience your goodness
by giving us Jesus, your Son,
In these signs of bread and wine
we express our trust in you.
Be merciful to us and hear our prayers.
Grant us the bread of your Son
and the things we need in life
for the sake of Jesus Christ,

you Son and our Lord for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,
in answer to our pleading
you have given the bread of life,

to us, your special possession.
Accept our thanks
and help us not to be deaf
to the cries of those who appeal to us.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

Blessing

"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." For God is good and he blesses you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.