

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Our Father, who lift up the lowly,  
your Son Jesus came into our world  
as the servant of all and he cherished the helpless.  
With him, make us respect and appreciate  
the weak, the defenseless and the humble,  
and accept to be numbered among them.  
Dispose us to help them and to seek their help,  
for you have poured out your mercy on us too,  
  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Introduction

Paul's imprisonment and difficulties matter very little, provided Christ be proclaimed. Christ is Paul's life in his sufferings and his joys, in life and in death.

## General Intercessions

- Lord, in our world the powerful are honored and the humble are looked down upon. Remember the humble, we pray:
  - Lord, in our homes many sick people, the old and the weak and the lonely are often neglected and abandoned. Remember all those who suffer, we pray:
  - Lord, many children and old people have only the street to live and to sleep in. Remember all of them, Lord, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
you overlook the poverty of our hearts  
and you have given us a place of honor  
at the table of your Son.  
May we learn from him  
to be at the service of all,  
that you may give us a place,  
however lowly,  
at the eternal festive meal  
  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
we stand here before you  
as guests invited to his table  
by your Son Jesus Christ.  
We thank you that he has accepted us  
without judging or condemning us,  
though our faith is not clear-eyed  
and we often limp while trying to follow him.  
Dispose us too to accept as friends and guests

the poor and the weak,  
just as you have accepted us

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Blessing**

If we want the Lord Jesus to live among us, there is only one place that fits us, the last place, the place of people who know how to serve. There is no room for pretending what we are not. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.