

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Introduction

Men and women who claim to know God a bit and to live consistently as his sons or daughters, are queer and bothersome to unbelievers as well as to those who take their religion as a set of duties or religious rites. There is no place for such eccentrics who go against the current, for their way of life disturbs the established ways of society. It irritates unbelievers and they want to test the faith of those who trust in God. One has to conform or else... The person who voices his complaints in the Book of Wisdom was one of those annoying people. Jesus was another. What about us?

## Opening Prayer

Our God and Father,  
we claim to be your sons and daughters,  
who know that you love us,  
and that you call us to live  
the life of Jesus, your Son.  
Give us the courage  
to live this life consistently  
not to show off, not to reprove others,  
but simply because we know  
that you are our Father  
and we your sons and daughters,

brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## General Intercession

- For those who are persecuted for their faith and for their persecutors, we pray:

- For those to whom life seems a burden hard to bear, that they carry their cross with the Lord and find relief and happiness, we pray:

- For those who are challenged because of the good they do, that the Spirit of the Lord may give them the strength to persevere, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
your Son Jesus was rejected  
by those whom he came to save.  
In this eucharist he is with us now as our Lord  
who died for us but rose again.  
May we welcome him with love  
and commit ourselves with him  
to the good of our neighbor.  
May our lives bear witness to him,  
that no one may reject him now  
on account of us, for we claim him

as our Lord and Savior for ever.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
we pray you especially today  
for those whom you send  
to bring the good news of your Son to the world.  
Give strength to all who have to bear witness  
in difficult circumstances,  
like your missionaries,  
that they may not lose heart  
but remain faithful and close to you  
and to Jesus Christ

your Son and our Lord for ever.

**Blessing**

Let our lives bear witness to the Lord, who was persecuted and suffered so that we may have forgiveness and life. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.