

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Lord, our God,
you let your Holy Spirit fill us spontaneously
with every good gift.
You want us to be ministers
of your generosity to everyone.
Help us to express our gratitude to you
and to reveal your goodness
by sharing what we are and have
with joy and in all sincerity,
as Jesus did, your Son,

who lives with you for ever.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction

Both Jesus and Paul in Year I speak to us today on sincere and generous sharing. To Paul, the generous, spontaneous givers are ministers of God's goodness; by giving thanks to God for what they themselves have received they are further enriching themselves by sharing. Giving—also praying and doing penance—must be done for the sake of God, says Jesus, not to congratulate oneself or to be admired by others. It would be good for us, for our Catholic organizations and institutions of the Church to remember that we have no monopoly on charity, that God is present in every act of love and sharing, also when not bearing the Catholic label. True love is discreet, like God's.

General Intercessions

— That we may be discreet and unobtrusive in helping people in need, we pray:
— That we may learn to see the unspoken needs of modest, simple, timid people, we pray:

— That the Lord may make us generous of heart and hands, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
you give us not only all things we need
but you give us the best of yourself
in your Son, Jesus Christ.
Accept from our hands
these humble gifts of bread and wine,
which we have received from you
and through them let your Son come among us.
May they express that we too,
are willing to share with others
without putting labels and price tags on our gifts,
and to give ourselves with Jesus,

who lives with you and the Holy Spirit for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God, our Father in heaven,
your own gifts are often humble and veiled,
like the giving to us of your Son
in the signs of bread and wine.
God, you who look in the depths of our hearts,
teach us to share without display,
that our left hand not know
what our right hand is giving.
Let it be enough for us to know that you know,
you who are our Father

in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Blessing

If we only love those who love us, we merely do what some people do who do not believe. We should not exclude anyone from our love, for that is the mark of the followers of Christ, to love people, as we love ourselves! May God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.