

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

God, you are tender and compassionate,  
slow to anger, rich in graciousness,  
and reluctant to punish.  
You want all people to share in your love.  
God, make our love as worldwide as yours.  
Make us grateful for all you have given us  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
that the zeal of a missionary Church  
may gather everyone into your kingdom,  
and that all may call you Father,

for ever and ever.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Introduction

God is a saving God. He calls all people to salvation in Jesus Christ, and he does not discriminate or segregate. His kingdom is open to all people, all races, all cultures, all languages, and all walks of life. And those who are most in need are given preference. For he is the Father of all and cares for those for whom people do not care. Do we do enough to bring his Son to all? Do we open the Christian community to all, without any discrimination? Or is there a bit of Jonah alive in us?

# 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 the Church itself may be the first to practice God's example of forgiving her difficult and erring children, we pray:

- That missionaries may discover first what is good in the people to whom they are sent and their culture rather than condemning and faultfinding, we pray:

- That we may pray for people who do not yet know God and the One he has sent, Jesus Christ, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father,  
accept this bread and this wine,  
that your Son may renew among us  
his saving death and resurrection for all.  
And may the time come, we pray you,  
that he may break his bread of life  
and pour his wine of joy  
for every person on earth,  
that your name may be praised everywhere  
  
for ever and ever.

## Prayer after Communion

God our Father,  
do not allow us to lie self-contented  
in a patch of shade under her own little tree  
to seek relief from disappointments.  
Give us the courage to go out  
on the roads where there are people

who seek you, even if they don't know it,  
and be to them in our limited way  
signs of your unifying love  
and of the freedom and happiness  
you have prepared for all

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Blessing**

We call ourselves "Catholics," don't we? That is, people universal by definition. How concerned are we about other people and their lasting happiness? People, near or far, should be our concern. Keep them in mind, with the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.