

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
you have made us responsible with you  
for many persons and things:  
for ourselves, for other people,  
for the future of this world.  
May we be good stewards  
of all you have entrusted to us.  
Help us to use our talents wisely and well  
in the service of all that is good,  
always inspired by faith  
and living in the love  
  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction

Paul excuses himself for interfering in the affairs of the Church of Rome, for it was not founded by him. But he will rely on the Romans for his missionary journeys to the West. He has two basic reasons for dealing with them: collegiality – for he is an apostle like the others – and his priestly ministry as evangelizer bringing the good news to all.

# Gospel Introduction

Whatever the unknown context of today's parable may have been, the central thought of Jesus' words seems to be this: Much has been entrusted to us and we will have to give an account for it to God. We must act responsibly, keeping our goal in mind: God and our neighbor. Let us be people who try to know where we are going and what we are doing.

General Intercessions

- For the Church, that it may be a serving Church and a Church of the poor, bearing witness to God's gratuitousness as a living parable of sharing, we pray:
  
  
  
  
  
- For those in positions of responsibility in politics, finances and the economy, that honesty, justice and concern for the good of all may guide their decisions and actions, we pray:
  
  
  
  
  
- For those who live by the work of their hands, that people may recognize their dignity and the service they render to all, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
in these gifts we bring before you  
our toil and care,  
with the aspirations and sufferings  
of people far and near.  
Let us always entrust to you everything  
for which you have made us responsible,  
not to refuse our task but to ask you to give us  
the patience and the strength  
with your help to bring everything to a good end.  
  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
we are but weak and timid  
and yet we know that you expect much of us.  
Open our hearts to the bold Spirit  
of Jesus, your Son,  
that in us and through us he may bring to a good end  
all you have begun in us  
  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing**

God has entrusted much to us to be thankful for: our talents, our friends and relatives, other people, even nature. Let us care for everything entrusted to us. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.