

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Introduction

In this season of hope, Advent, the word of God gives us a vision of hope. The mighty who rely on their own political power and alliances will be crushed, but the poor, the deaf, the blind, that is, those who still believe in God's presence and action in the world, will see salvation. So promises Isaiah in the name of God.

When we celebrate the eucharist, we profess our faith that God, in fact, begins the fulfillment of this promise in Jesus. He restores the eyesight of the blind because they believe. God has committed himself to the world through Jesus Christ.

## Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
you are our light and our help;  
notwithstanding our limitations  
and all our ambiguities,  
we place all our hope in you.  
We know that we are weak,  
yet that our weakness can be constructive.  
We realize that sin is not dead in us,  
yet that sinners can serve you.  
We are mortal, yet we can live with death  
as a dimension of life,  
but not as a final obstacle.  
God, help us to live with these realities  
in faith and hope,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## General Intercessions

Let us ask the Lord that we may be always people of joy and hope who live in the love of God.

- That we may learn to see beyond the evils of our time the signs of goodness and mercy, we pray:
- That we may be people who can admire and appreciate whatever is good and beautiful and true, we pray:
- That we may be people who see the needs of others, even unspoken and hidden, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, God in whom we trust,  
in this bread and wine

we celebrate the memory of your Son.  
He has shown us in his own life  
that obstacles to life and love  
cannot be overcome without suffering.  
Through him, keep us hoping in you  
and in your future for people and our world,  
and reassure us that you prepare for us  
a table and a feast of joy  
that will last for ever.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord our God,  
in the shadows and struggles of life,  
let the body and blood of your Son  
be to us a glimpse of light  
that you are present in our world  
and that you do not despair of people.  
Help us to grow  
in the new humanity of your Son,  
that we may dare all and hope all  
and commit ourselves to each other and to you,  
who are our God for ever.

### **Blessing**

That God may open our eyes to look at ourselves and this world with eyes of faith. Then there will be little that is dark in life. May the Lord touch the eyes of our hearts and bless us, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.