

Liturgy Alive of St Thomas, Apostle

Introduction

The gospel has some beautiful texts about St. Thomas. Not only the “My Lord and my God” after his doubt and hesitation to believe, but also “Let us too go and die with him,” and the question “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. How could we know the way?” And the Lord’s, “Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.” Tradition has him go as far as Persia and the Malabar region in India, where the Christians are still called “the Christians of St. Thomas.”

Opening Prayer

Our living God,
on this feast of St. Thomas we pray:
Our eyes have not seen your son Jesus Christ
and our fingers have not touched the scars of his wounds,
yet we have come together in his name.
Make our faith in him deep and lasting,
that the Spirit may breathe new life in us
and make us look with new eyes
at the world and at people,
so that we can bring them
the love and the peace and the justice
of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

General Intercessions

- For our shepherds in the faith, that they may place the powers of healing, pardon and peace entrusted to them by Jesus in the service of the people of God and of all who seek the truth, we pray: R/ Our Lord and God, hear our prayer.
- For all who doubt and seek, whether in the Church or outside, that they may encounter the living Christ in us, we pray:
- For this and all Christian communities, that our faith in Jesus may lead us to have faith in each other’s goodness and to be united in faith, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father,
in these simple signs of bread and wine
your Son Jesus will make himself present among us.
Yet we cannot see him with other eyes
than those of deep faith.
May he encounter us here
and let him strengthen our hesitant faith.
Make us recognize him unhesitatingly
and to say to him: “Our Lord and our God,”
now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

God our Father,
we thank you for Jesus, your risen Son.
He who loves us is alive.
Give us eyes of faith to see
that all that we are and do
has a meaning and purpose
and that your Son is with us and guides us
through our darkness and hesitations
to the fullness of life and joy.
Let him always stay with us
now and for ever.

Blessing

We have to be grateful to St Thomas, for thanks to his hesitation and question to see clearer, our faith is confirmed. May God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.