

# Liturgy Alive of 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

### The Splinter in Your Eye

#### Greeting (See Second Reading)

Let us thank God  
for giving the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
May the Risen Lord Jesus be always with you.  
R/ And also with you.

#### Introduction

Why is it that practically all of us notice the defects and failures of others, yet we are blind to our own shortcomings? Often we blame in others what we overlook in ourselves. Let us look today at Jesus here among us. Yes, he came to save people from their sins, yet he did not judge and condemn people but attracted them by his open attitude of friendship, appreciation of the good in them and by giving them new chances in life. There is much to learn from him. Let us ask him for his goodness of heart.

#### Penitential Act

Let us ask the Lord not to condemn us  
in the same way as we judge others,  
but to forgive us and to give us goodness of heart.  
(PAUSE)

Lord Jesus, you know where you lead us  
and we are ready to follow you  
on the road of life and forgiveness.  
Lord, have mercy. **R/ Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you accept people the way they are,  
so that you can convert and save them:  
Christ, have mercy. **R/ Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in the goodness of your heart  
you brought forgiveness where there was hatred,  
joy where there was sadness:  
Lord, have mercy. **R/ Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, we thank you for the healing  
you bring us by your forgiving love.  
Make us patient like you  
and lead us to everlasting life. **R/ Amen.**

## Opening Prayer

Let us pray that Christ  
may always be our light and guide  
(PAUSE)

Lord, loving Father,  
you have given us no blind guide to lead us  
but our one Teacher Jesus Christ,  
whose slow-learning disciples we are.  
He had not come to condemn us  
but to forgive and save.  
Give us clear eyes to look  
into our own hearts and consciences,  
but dim them with the shades of love  
when we see the faults of those around us.  
And may we inspire others by our Christ-like living.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/ Amen.

## Intercessions

By his life and death and message Jesus taught us the forgiving mercy of God, which seeks to save, not to condemn. May we follow his example and pray to him: **R/ Lord, guide us on the road to life.**

– That Jesus may show the Church the road to follow in the often-difficult circumstances of our day, a road to forgiveness and love, and of justice and truth, let us pray: **R/ Lord, guide us on the road to life.**

– That Jesus may show the road to follow to the honest seekers of truth and goodness, that they may not be misled by false leaders, let us pray: **R/ Lord, guide us on the road to life.**

– That Jesus may show us the road to follow to those who in the goodness of their heart are willing to serve the cause of peace and friendship, let us pray: **R/ Lord, guide us on the road to life.**

– That Jesus may show the road to follow to those who easily condemn and are reluctant to forgive and accept people, let us pray: **R/ Lord, guide us on the road to life.**

– That Jesus may show us the road to follow, that we may learn to see the evil that is in us and no longer condemn others for the wrongs we too are inclined to commit, let us pray: **R/ Lord, guide us on the road to life.**

Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of all the spiritually blind who have lost their way in life. By your love and strength lead us all to the Father who loves everyone. Be our teacher now and for ever. **R/ Amen.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,

your Son Jesus brought light in our darkness:  
he opened the eyes of the blind.  
Give us your Son here in this eucharist  
that he may open our eyes  
to your forgiving love  
and to your goodness present in people.  
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **R/ Amen.**

### **Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer**

With Jesus we thank the Father for his goodness: through Jesus, he has given us light and life, a goal to work for, a road to follow. It is a joy for us to express our gratitude.

### **Invitation to the Lord's Prayer**

Let now well up from the goodness of our heart  
the prayer which Jesus himself taught us: **R/ Our Father...**

### **Deliver Us**

Set us free Lord, from all evil,  
above all from the evil of sin.  
Help us to see the beam in our own eyes  
and make us mild and understanding toward others.  
Lead us forward together in joyful hope  
toward the coming in glory  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **R/ For the kingdom...**

### **Invitation to Communion**

This is Jesus, the Lamb of God  
who has taken away the death of sin  
and leads us to the resurrection.  
Happy are we that he gives us  
the food and drink of life. **R/ Lord, I am not worthy...**

### **Prayer after Communion**

God our Father,  
you have let all of us here share,  
with our faults and irritating habits,  
in the meal of friendship and unity  
of Jesus Christ your Son.  
Make us accept one another  
also in everyday life  
and cover each other's shortcomings  
with the mantle of love.  
May we overcome evil with good  
and bring your peace to this earth.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

## **Blessing**

St Paul has warned us today  
never to admit defeat in doing good,  
never to give up following Jesus.  
Would that not apply also to stop looking  
for faults in others,  
while forgetting gladly our own mistakes and failures?  
Yes, let us be mild to one another,  
as God has been good and mild to us,  
with the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R/ Amen.  
Let us go with joy and thanks,  
for God has been good to all of us. **R/ Thanks be to God.**