

# **Liturgy Alive of Feria**

## **Introduction**

Acknowledging sin, being sorry for it and seeking forgiveness is a reality that can only exist when there is genuine friendship and the awareness that this friendship has been hurt or even destroyed. Without friendship with God and with people, sin remains only a thing to be wiped off, sorrow is a little more than a superficial regretting of something that should not have happened, and forgiveness is erasing the past. Sin, sorrow, pardon are to be seen in the light of the covenant relationship with a merciful God, who loved us first, and with our neighbor, with whom we are taken up in this union of life and love with God.

## **Opening Prayer**

Just and holy God,  
our loving Father,  
you offered us your hand in friendship  
and you sent us to your Son, Jesus,  
to go with us the road  
of obedience and loyalty.  
God, we often hurt this friendship,  
we act as if we were not your sons and daughters.  
See the look of shame on our faces.  
Forgive us, for we count on you.  
Accept our thanks  
for continuing to take us as we are  
and loving us notwithstanding our sins.  
We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

## **General Intercessions**

- That each of us may have the courage to say, “Sorry, I am wrong, forgive me,” not only to God when we have sinned, but also to people we have hurt, we pray:
- That we may never gloss over any evil but voice our disapproval without condemning the wrongdoer, we pray:
- That we may not pay back evil with evil but listen to the Spirit who wants us to pay back evil with good, we pray:

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord, our God, in this Eucharist,  
your Son, Jesus, come among us

to bring us your pardon and peace.  
Remind us of what he went through for us,  
that we may be converted to you  
and be your holy people,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord, our God,  
your forgiving love is without measure.  
May our hearts become as large as yours,  
that we too may learn to forgive one another,  
and stop from judging and condemning.  
May we too take people as they are  
and continue offering our friendship,  
even when it is abused,  
by the strength of him  
who has given himself to us in this Eucharist,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Blessing**

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” Words to remember and to practice, with the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.