

## **Liturgy Alive of Weekday in Ordinary Time**

### **Opening Prayer**

Lord our God,  
your Son Jesus Christ, challenges us  
to honor you not only with our lips  
but also in our hearts and with our deeds.  
Help us to respond to his word  
with all that is in us  
and with him to seek your will  
in all we do.  
Grant us this through Christ, our Lord.

### **First Reading Introduction:**

When it took time for God's promise to Abraham and Sarah to give him a son, Abraham begets a son from his maid Agar. Ishmael, though rejected by Sarah, will become the forefather of the fierce and independent Bedouins.

### **Gospel Reading Introduction:**

"Not those who say, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom, but one who does the will of my Father." We are familiar with Jesus' words, but do we follow them? Do we build on rock, that is, follow Jesus, or do we follow ourselves and our whims and so build on sand?

### **General Intercessions**

- That we may not just hear and know the Word of God but act accordingly and enthusiastically, we pray:
- That the Lord may be the rock in whom we put our trust and in whom we build our lives, that our faith may be rich and meaningful, we pray:
- That our friendships may be firm and reliable, we pray:

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord our God,  
this bread and this wine are signs  
that we want to do your will.  
Give us your Son to go with us  
the loyal road to you and to people.  
For you are our God, for ever and ever.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God, our rock,  
we want to build our lives on you  
by the power of Jesus, your Son.

Through him, make us strong enough  
to keep on our feet when the rains of sorrow come,  
and the floods of trials rise,  
and when the storm winds  
of doubt and fear blow in us,  
for you are our firm rock for ever.

### **Blessing**

We want our life to be meaningful, to give direction to it. Let it be the direction given to it by God, by Jesus and his Gospel. Let us with Jesus seek God's will in all we do, for then, we are sure our life is built on rock, solid and consistent. May God fill you with his blessing: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.