

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

Lord God, Father of all,  
you call people from every language, culture and nation  
to worship you and to live in your love.  
Let your Son Jesus Christ speak among us  
your saving word that brings healing to all.  
May many accept his invitation  
to sit with us at his table.  
Give us enough faith and love  
that we, too, like you and your Son,  
may turn strangers into friends.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### Liturgy of the Word

#### First Reading Introduction

Paul urges Christians through Timothy to be mediators by our supplications, prayers and intercessions for all of humankind. The basis is that Christ is the one mediator between God and humanity and God wants all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. How universal God's plan and will to save!

#### Gospel Introduction

Today we have the beautiful scene of the Roman centurion asking Jesus through emissaries to heal his slave. He loved the Jewish people and had faith in Jesus because of what he had heard about Jesus. Another sign of faith, something unusual in a world of slavery, seems to be that he begged for the healing of a slave. We hear him also say the words we use in the eucharistic celebration, that he is not worthy of Jesus coming to his house.

## General Intercessions

- That those who believe in the Lord Jesus may express their faith in deeds of justice and love, of dedicated service and of endless compassion, we pray:

- That all peoples of the earth may hear where the Lord Jesus can be found, come to know his name and pray to him, we pray:

- That we may welcome strangers and foreigners in our Christian communities and make them feel at home with us, we pray:

### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
we bring bread and wine before you  
to celebrate our gratitude to you  
as we are gathered around Jesus your Son.  
For in him you have accepted us.  
From his hospitable table  
may men and women from all cultures  
eat his bread of life and drink his wine of joy,  
that all may know your name  
and praise your merciful love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

### Prayer after Communion

Father in heaven,  
we thank you that your Son has come to us,  
even though we are not worthy.  
May he find great faith in us

and in all his people.  
Let his word fill our empty words  
and his love inspire all we do,  
that with our whole life  
and in the harmony of our many languages  
we may sing our honor and thanks to you, Father.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### **Blessing**

For God there are no strangers, no foreigners, no aliens. He knows them all, accepts them all, loves them all, whether they know it or not, for they are all his children. May you accept them as God does, with the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.