

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

## Opening Prayer

God our Father,  
we have accepted your invitation  
to follow your Son Jesus, as his disciples.  
We do not know what the future has in store  
yet we are willing to live in hope and joy,  
without fear or discouragement.  
Give us the strength of your Spirit  
to take our faith seriously  
and to accept our task in life  
with all its consequences.  
For we are certain Jesus will lead us to you,

our loving God, for ever and ever.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Introduction

St. Augustine said: "Love and do what you want," not to declare that in the name of love anything goes, but that if we truly love, then, we are ready to give our all to God and our neighbor. We will know what is right. And when love is no longer authentic, we will know too, and do what is to be done to remain faithful. This genuine love must be ready to follow Jesus without reservations.

# Gospel Introduction

Jesus stresses that Christians must follow Jesus radically and consistently. They must know what they are doing. They may not stop halfway, but must look ahead. They must take their Christianity seriously.

# General Intercessions

- For all those who are seeking God with a sincere heart, that they may find him and do generously what God wants them to do, we pray:
  - For those called by the Lord to special ministries of service in the community, that they may put no limits to their generosity, we pray:
- For all of us, that we may be disciples of Jesus, our Lord, and follow him resolutely, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
in these gifts of bread and wine,  
we bring ourselves before you  
and you let your Son give himself to us.  
May we learn from him  
to make ourselves free  
for people and for you  
and to seek your will in all we do.  
May we follow your Son  
in his trials and in his glory,

now and for ever.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,  
in this Eucharist, you have enlightened us  
with the word and the wisdom of your Son  
and let him give us his bread of strength  
to make us follow him without hesitation.  
Fill us with the wisdom and strength of your Spirit  
to go with Jesus,  
through the desert of pain and the cross,  
for the sake of bringing life and joy  
to our brothers and sisters in need  
and for giving glory to you,

our God, for ever and ever.

## Blessing

We don't love crosses and trials and we do not have to. But we love Jesus and he loves us. He says: if you love me, follow me, also when the road is rough, when our integrity as Christians demands sacrifices. May Almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.