

Integral Faith

"Homily helps and liturgy resources highlighting care for our common home."



Catholic Climate Covenant™
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.

Homily Helps and Petitions for the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C (July 3, 2022)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Isaiah 66: As nurslings you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, I will comfort you; In Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.

Galatians 6: For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation.

Luke 10: The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals.

† Comments for the Day:

Isaiah is urging all of Jerusalem to exult because her exiles in Babylon have returned, and her mourning over her lost daughters and sons is over. God has chosen the city as an earthly dwelling and, like a loving mother, will provide comfort and prosperity.

Paul writes to the Galatians that ethnic and ritual disputes have to give way to a new creation that rises above differences and sets us free to live as sons and daughters of God, choosing works of peace and love.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus sends out his disciples as messengers to spread the good news. He tells them to live simply, taking just what they need. Jesus knew that there would be obstacles and rejection ahead for his disciples. But his grace is with those who work for a harvest for all people of the earth and its creatures.

As disciples of Jesus, we are his messengers of the good news today. We are called to invite our brothers and sisters to labor in the service of God's creation, to bring awareness of the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor, who even now unjustly suffer the effects of climate change. We are also called to recognize that what we often want isn't necessarily what we need.

Like Isaiah's Jerusalem, the earth provides comfort, sustenance, and life for all living creatures, including the human race. Let us show gratitude for our planet by caring for her so that in turn, she will care for us, poor and rich alike.

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†Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:

Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principle challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades....Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering which is even now taking place throughout our world. (25)

We have to realize that a true ecological approach *always* becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear *both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*. (49)

"Use and throw away" logic generates so much waste, because of the disordered desire to consume more than what is really necessary. (123)

Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life, and encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the the obsession with consumption. We need to take up...the conviction that "less is more". A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment. (222)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That we might hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and respond to them with generosity and advocacy, let us pray to the Lord ...

Option 2: That we might adopt a simple lifestyle marked by gratitude and appreciation for the good in our lives, let us pray to the Lord ...

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