

Integral Faith

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



Catholic Climate Covenantsm
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.

Homily Resources and Petitions for the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C (October 20, 2019)

Homily Helps

† Scripture passages to note:

Exodus 17: Aaron and Hur held up [Moses's] hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set.

Psalms 121: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.... He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

2 Timothy 3: I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

Luke 18: Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.... Will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night?

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

A politics concerned with immediate results, supported by consumerist sectors of the population, is driven to produce short-term growth... The myopia of power politics delays the inclusion of a far-sighted environmental agenda within the overall agenda of governments. (# 178)

True statecraft is manifest when, in difficult times, we uphold high principles and think of the long-term common good. (# 178)

[L]ocal individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land. (# 179)

The gravity of the ecological crisis demands that we all look to the common good, embarking on a path of dialogue which requires patience, self-discipline and generosity, always keeping in mind that "realities are greater than ideas". (# 201)

† Comment for the day:

Construction of God's Kingdom on earth demands not only personal commitment, but a communal one as well. In the first reading, Moses could not have gotten the job done without the assistance of Aaron and Hur. God invites each of us to promote justice, peace, truth, and love in our world. Like

the People of God in both the Old and New Testaments, we are called to the task of building a better world.

Like God, who neither sleeps nor slumbers, we must be vigilant in our care for all people and for the Earth. Pope Francis reminds us of our Christian duty to foster the common good; in *Laudato Si'* he extends this reminder to all of humanity. Moreover, he asks us to be hopeful in the way we live out this message, rather than giving in to disagreement, pessimism, and cynicism. Like the widow in the Gospel, let us persist. God will grant justice to those who cry out day and night.

† **Related Prayers of the Faithful:**

Option 1: That God strengthen those who work for the common good, the protection of communities and the Earth, our common home, let us pray to the Lord....

Option 2: In the face of the many problems that beset us, may God send the Spirit to sustain us in our prayer, let us pray to the Lord....

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