

# Integral Faith

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



## Homily Resources and Petitions for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C (10 February 2019)

### Homily Helps

#### † Scripture passages to note:

**Isaiah 6:8:** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

**Psalms 138:3:** When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

**1st Corinthians 15:8-10:** Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective.

**Luke 5:8, 10:** "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."... Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

#### † Passages from *Laudato Si'* to note:

Although "the wickedness of man was great in the earth" (Gen 6:5) and the Lord "was sorry that he had made man on the earth" (Gen 6:6), nonetheless, through Noah, who remained innocent and just, God decided to open a path of salvation. In this way he gave humanity the chance of a new beginning. All it takes is one good person to restore hope! (#71)

The God who created the universe out of nothing can also intervene in this world and overcome every form of evil. Injustice is not invincible. (#74)

Nature is usually seen as a system which can be studied, understood and controlled, whereas creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion. (#76)

Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth. (#92)

#### † Comment for the day:

In an era when people worship self-expression and autonomy, wealth and success, Christians are called to witness to a faith in God. It is easy to feel overwhelmed and not up to the task. However, we call to mind the apostles, simple craftsmen and fisher folk, who met the challenge before them because God sustained them in the task he assigned. *Laudato Si'* points to the ways that God calls our own generation to live more simply, care for the poor, and care for creation, often in the face of

what seem to be relentless trends to the contrary. But we, too, can trust that our own witness to the truth will accomplish its end if this is the work God calls us to.

### † **Related Prayers of the Faithful**

**Option 1:** For a deeper appreciation of God's grace working within us, let us pray to the Lord...

**Option 2:** For grace to be attentive to the Spirit within calling us to care for our common home, let us pray to the Lord...

### † **Sample Bulletin Notice**

Isaiah and Paul, for all their feeling of unworthiness, responded with trust when God called them for their special missions. They did not give in to fear that their message would be rejected. In our day, Pope Francis accepted the call to be pope. In this role, he has said many things that people have found controversial. Not everyone has accepted his call in *Laudato Si'* to practice justice and care for our common home. In this document, Francis insists that even one good person can restore hope. "Injustice is not invincible," he assures us. Francis also reminds us, as do today's readings, that it is the grace of God that enables our efforts. God will empower us to do something that will improve creation because "the destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ, present from the beginning." (#99)

## Further Resources

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