

# Integral Faith

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



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## Homily Resources and Petitions for the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Cycle C (July 7 2019)

### Homily Helps

#### † Scripture passages to note:

**Isaiah 66:** Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; exult, exult with her, all you who were mourning over her!

**Psalm 66:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy... Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

**Galatians 6:** For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God.

**Luke 10:** Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand.'

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

Various convictions of our faith, developed at the beginning of this Encyclical can help us to enrich the meaning of this conversion. These include the awareness that each creature reflects something of God and has a message to convey to us, and the security that Christ has taken unto him-self this material world and now, risen, is intimately present to each being, surrounding it with his affection and penetrating it with his light. Then too, there is the recognition that God created the world, writing into it an order and a dynamism that human beings have no right to ignore. (#221)

#### † Comment for the day:

Isaiah prophesies that God will spread prosperity over Jerusalem, and the wealth of the nations will be like an overflowing torrent. We understand that Jerusalem symbolizes the eschatological locus of God's blessing for the whole of creation. Nonetheless, when we survey the world in our own time, we are saddened to witness the poverty of millions of our fellow human beings. This circumstance is especially tragic because there is in fact enough food in the world for all, but the economic structures people have put in place inhibit its fair distribution. The bounty of God has not failed, but human cooperation with God's will for our world founders.

Boasting in the Cross of Christ, St. Paul says that the world has been crucified to him. The only thing that matters to him is a new creation in Christ. The Gospel affirms—and *Laudato Si'* reminds us—that this new creation belongs not only to those who believe, but to all, made as we are in the image of God, and most especially to the poor. Likewise, our Psalm for today boasts of God's work among all the children of Adam.

In this Sunday's passage from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus sends seventy-two into the world to announce the Kingdom. He gives them a way of being in the world that is poor, peaceable, and non-threatening. As they go, they also cure the sick. We might say that they—and now we ourselves—are to bring healing to the world. As Christians, we see this healing not just as repair of the wounds of the past, but also as a sign of the new creation, of the fullness that God holds out for all.

† **Related Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Option 1:** That all people may welcome the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and come to know that the Reign of God is at hand, let us pray to the Lord....

**Option 2:** That with God's grace we may work for the renewal of our communities and our earth, giving witness that the Reign of God is already in our midst, let us pray to the Lord....

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