



## Homily Resources and Petitions for the Fifth Sunday of Easter Cycle C (May 19, 2019)

### Homily Helps

#### † Scripture passages to note:

**Acts 14:** Paul and Barnabas ... *returned* to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. ... Then they *traveled* through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia.... From there they *sailed* to Antioch.... And when they *arrived*, they ... reported ... how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

**Psalms 145:** I will praise your name forever, my king and my God...The LORD is compassionate toward all his works. Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord.

**Revelation 21:** I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. .. I also saw the holy city.... Behold God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them ... and God himself will always be with them as their God. ... 'Behold, I make all things new.'

**John 13:** Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

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

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging and of a future to be shared with everyone. This basic awareness would enable the development of new convictions, attitudes and forms of life. A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal. (#202)

Human beings ... are capable of rising above themselves choosing again what is good and making a *new start*.... We are able to take an honest look at ourselves...and to embark on *new paths to authentic freedom*. No system can completely suppress our openness to what is good, true and beautiful, or our God-given ability to respond to his grace at work deep in our hearts. (#205)

The Earth Charter asked us to ... make a new start.... Here I would echo that courageous challenge: '... A common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning. Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life. (#207) We are always capable of going out of ourselves toward the others. ... If we can overcome individualism, we will truly be able to develop a different lifestyle and bring about significant changes in society. (#208)

The ecological crisis is a summons to profound interior conversion.... What all need is an 'ecological conversion' whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

(#217) ...A healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion....  
(#218)

† **Comment for the day:**

St. Paul's journeys spread the Gospel and helped the early church see God's work in a new way. Pope Francis calls us to undertake a journey of personal spiritual conversion. It involves seeing the world in a new way, developing a more healthy relationship with creation, seeing it new and becoming protectors of the truth, goodness and beauty of God's handiwork. It involves our being willing to undertake a journey that requires education and spiritual growth that will modify our lifestyles. We can better glorify God by showing more care for creation and protection of its goodness and beauty. This conversion is essential to our Christian experience. This Easter Season is a time for us to glorify God with and in Christ Risen, thanking God with and for all his works.

† **Related Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Option 1:** That our encounters with the Risen Christ during this Easter Season will effect in us an interior conversion that will include a healthier relationship with the natural world, God's handiwork, of which we are a part, let us pray to the Lord....

**Option 2:** That we will not be hesitant or afraid to undertake journeys that will change us and our care for the home God has entrusted to us so that God might be glorified in us and we in God, let us pray to the Lord....

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