

# Integral Faith

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



## Homily Helps and Petitions for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Cycle B (May 9, 2021)

### Homily Helps

#### † Scripture Passages to Note:

**Acts 10:** Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

**John 15:** "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. . . . I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

#### † Comments for the Day:

The Father sent Jesus to all of us, without partiality, so people of all nations might accept one another and act together to enable life to flourish on our planet. Every one of us is responsible, since we are all part of the one human family. Our way of life should not have negative impact on others, both individually and globally: from wearing masks that prevent virus transmission and death, to reducing energy and fuel consumption that helps to mitigate climate change. Joy and life are meant to be abundant among all of us. As Pope Francis tells us, we share a "common home."

Life requires a good environment to flourish. We care about our neighborhood and are rightly upset when factors make it unhealthy. When that happens, we should act. Likewise, the whole planet is our neighborhood and everyone on earth is our neighbor. Being a good neighbor is a major part of love, and caring for creation is a necessary part of expressing that love.

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

The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. (13)

Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things . . . Every creature is thus the object of the Father's tenderness, who gives it its place in the world. Even the fleeting life of the least of beings is the object of his love, and in its few seconds of existence, God enfolds it with his affection. (77)

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"Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society." (91)

Local individuals and groups can make a real difference. ... Public pressure has to be exerted in order to bring about decisive political action. Society through nongovernmental organizations and intermediate groups, must put pressure on governments. ... Unless citizens control political power – national, regional and municipal – it will not be possible to control damage to the environment. (179)

"Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity ... social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a “culture of care” which permeates all of society." (231)

### Related Prayers of the Faithful

**Option 1:** That God’s love will strengthen individuals and communities to know their importance and the power of their working together to care for our Common Home, let us pray to the Lord. ...

**Option 2:** That our Creator will pour divine love into the hearts and minds of all without partiality, so that we might all work together to help all humankind find abundant life through God's creation, let us pray to the Lord. ...

### Further Resources

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