

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

## Homily Resources and Petitions for the

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B (15 July 2018)

### Homily Helps

#### † Scripture passages to note:

##### **Amos 7:12-15**

"Off with you visionary, flee to the land of Judah!" ... I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. ... The Lord ... said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

##### **Ephesians 1:3-14**

God ... has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing ... in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will.

##### **Mark 6:7-13**

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two ... and gave them authority over unclean spirits. ... The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

#### † Comment for the day:

With the prophets of old and the Apostles sent by Jesus to drive out the demons in his time, we have responsibility to address the demons of our time. Blessed with wisdom, insight and knowledge of the 'mystery,' the splendor of God's will and plan, we are charged by our baptism as prophets in Christ to challenge all that does violence to creation and to foster all that builds harmony, justice and peace.

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

*Creation* has a broader meaning than *nature*, for it has to do with God's loving plan.... 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 that calls us together into universal communion. ...(#76) Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things. (#77)

When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious consequences for society. This vision of 'might is right' has engendered immense inequality, injustice and acts of violence against the majority of humanity, since ... the winner takes all. Completely at odds with this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace as proposed by Jesus (#82)

The ultimate destiny of the universe is in the fullness of God, which has already been attained by the risen Christ, the measure of the maturity of all things. (#83)

### Related Prayers of the Faithful

**Option 1:** Send us out as you sent the Twelve to cast out the demons of inequality, injustice and violence in our society, let us pray to the Lord....

**Option 2:** Foster in us a deep sense of the Mystery of the Universe and a deep respect for every creature, all of which are from God and moving with us toward God, let us pray to the Lord....

### Further Resources

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