# **Integral Faith**

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



## Homily Resources and Petitions for the Third Sunday of Advent Cycle C (16 December 2018)

### **Homily Helps**

#### **†** Scripture passages to note:

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"The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all." (#23)

"Human beings too are creatures of this world, enjoying a right to life and happiness.... We cannot fail to consider the effects on people's lives of environmental deterioration ...." (#43)

"The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together" (#48)

"Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years. Yet we are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness." (#48)

"We can see signs that things are reaching a breaking point due to the rapid pace of change and degradation...." (#60)

#### **†** Comment for the day:

Pope Francis calls us to an "ecological conversion." He urges us to take note of the degradation of our planet. Then we can help make it more what God calls it to be as we await the full coming of God's glory.

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

**Option 1:** That this Advent will be a time for awakening in us a new reverence for life and a firm resolve to care for the planet that sustains our life, let us pray to the Lord ....

**Option 2:** That we joyfully remember that we are joined in what Pope Francis terms "a splendid universal communion" with all living things in our world, let us pray to the Lord .... (L.S. #220)

#### **†** Sample Bulletin Notice

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**POPE FRANCIS'** is convinced that "Enforceable international agreements are urgently needed." (*Laudato Si'*#173) A few months ago the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change agrees issued another alarming report and the UN Secretary-General stated that to limit global warming as needed "it will require unprecedented and collective climate action in all areas. There is no time to waste." We must all do something to help meet the goal for the sake of the poor and the glory of our Creator.

#### **Further Resources**

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