



## Homily Helps and Petitions for the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe (November 24, 2024)

### Homily Helps

#### † Scripture Passages to Note:

**Daniel 7:** His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away.

**Revelation 1:** To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his own blood, who has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of his God and Father-to him be glory and power forever and ever!

**John 18:** It is you who say I am a king. The reason I was born, the reason why I came into the world is to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice.

† Comments for the Day: In our age many countries have downplayed the status of kings and queens because the word “king” implies a static world. We are not switching an earthly ruler for a heavenly one. In Jesus’ kingdom everyone belongs and relates to our sisters and brothers and fellow creatures, God and the Earth. The Kingdom of God is already here. Let us lead our lives as Jesus lives. Opportunities to do this are all around us. We can engage in actions like reducing and eliminating fossil fuel use, writing letters to the editor of newspapers, raising issues on social media, and boycotting corporations that violate sustainable practices. Many programs on PBS show the beauty of the natural world and how it is being destroyed by greed, runaway technology, and human indifference.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note: Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose...The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God...our friendship with God is always linked to particular places which take on an intensely personal meaning...Anyone going back to those places has a chance to recover something of their true selves. (84#)

In the Christian understanding of the world, the destiny of creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ, present from the beginning. The prologue of the Gospel of John reveals Christ’s creative work as the Divine Word...From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world as a whole, without thereby impinging on its autonomy. (99#)

### Related Prayers of the Faithful

This resource is provided by Catholic Climate Covenant in collaboration with the Integral Faith Team,  
a group of male and female religious, priests, and lay people dedicated to serving the Church.

**Option 1:** That we increase our awareness of the constant creative work of Christ in our world, let us pray to the Lord.

**Option 2:** That we, treat our sisters and brothers as welcome citizens of Christ's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord ...

## Further Resources

**Feedback:** [info@catholicclimatecovenant.org](mailto:info@catholicclimatecovenant.org)

**Webpage:** [www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/english-homily-help](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/english-homily-help)

*Visit our webpage and sign up to receive these resources delivered to your email inbox each month.*