

Integral Faith

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



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Homily Helps and Petitions for the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, 2024

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Revelation 7: Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.

Psalms 24: The LORD's is the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.

1 John 3: Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed... We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Matthew 5: Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Our first reading comes from apocalyptic literature. Apocalyptic literature uses imaginative symbols to portray present situations. The symbols in Revelation serve to assure persecuted Christians that they will have a place in heaven with the Risen Jesus. 1st John also assures the embattled early Christians that their status as adopted children of God who now carry the name of Jesus Christ will be welcomed as children of God. Matthew challenges us to ask ourselves if we really hunger and thirst for righteousness or leave that to others. The Beatitudes are a call to action to sustain the beauty and richness of our common home and protect all the people whose lives depend on it.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:

I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all...Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technological solutions. As the bishops of South Africa have stated, "Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation." All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her culture, involvements and talents. (#14)

In the present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable, the principle of the

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common good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters...it demands before all else an appreciation of the immense dignity of the poor in the light of our deepest convictions as believers. We need only look around us to see that, today, this option is in fact an ethical imperative essential for effectively attaining the common good. (#158)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That we become more aware of the need to heal our common home and act on our awareness, let us pray to the Lord...

Option 2: That we have the courage to protest the devastation of our planet even if others are critical or offended, let us pray to the Lord...

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