

Integral Faith

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



Homily Helps and Petitions for the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C (October 19, 2025)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Exodus 17: Aaron and Hur supported [Moses's] hands, one on one side and one on the other.

2 Timothy 3: Proclaim the word; be persistent, whether it is convenient or inconvenient.

Luke 18: The necessity to “pray always.” [The judge]: “This widow keeps bothering me, I shall deliver a just decision.” Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones?

† Comments for the Day:

Building of God's kingdom on earth demands not only personal commitment but a communal one, as well. In the first reading, Moses could not have gotten the job done without the assistance of Aaron and Hur.

Now, God invites us to promote justice, peace, truth, and love in our world, both individually and communally. Like the people of God in both the Old and New Testaments, we are called to build a better world. An important part of this task is defending God's word, “whether convenient or inconvenient.” We must speak the word in truth and encourage others to do the same. Like God, who neither sleeps nor slumbers, we must be vigilant in our care for all people and for the earth itself.

In line with this, Pope Francis reminds us of our Christian duty to foster the common good. In *Laudato Si'*, he extends this reminder to all of humanity. Moreover, he asks us to be hopeful in the way we live out this message, rather than giving in to disagreement, division, pessimism, and cynicism. Like the widow in the gospel, let us persist: God will grant justice to those who cry out day and night.

Luke's Gospel also reminds us of the need to “pray always.” We pray for the needs of the world and the many species of life forms that are on the brink of extinction. We pray for the conversion of hearts, for an ecological conversion, for a new way of seeing and acting.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:

True statecraft is manifest when, in difficult times, we uphold high principles and think of the long-term common good. (178)

I am concerned to encourage an honest and open debate so that particular interests or ideologies will not prejudice the common good. (188)

The gravity of the ecological crisis demands that we all look to the common good, embarking on a path of dialogue which requires patience, self-discipline and generosity, always keeping in mind that "realities are greater than ideas". (201)

The ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion. It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. So what they all need is an “ecological conversion.” (217)

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 strengthen those who work for the common good, the protection of communities and the earth, our common home, let us pray to the Lord....

Option 2: In the face of the many problems that beset us, may God send the Holy Spirit to sustain us in hope and commitment to care for creation, let us pray to the Lord....

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