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Homily Helps and Petitions for the 2nd Sunday of Advent, Cycle A (December 7, 2025)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Isaiah 11: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb

Psalms 72: Justice shall flourish in its time, and fullness of peace forever.

Romans 15: May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another.

Matthew 3: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

† Comments for the Day:

This week's readings invite us into a hope that grows even in unlikely places. Isaiah speaks of *the wolf shall dwell with the lamb* - new life rising from what looked impossible or finished. God's promise is that renewal can begin exactly where we feel depleted or discouraged.

Psalms 72 and Romans 15 remind us that the Messiah's coming brings justice, mercy, and harmony. Christ's kingdom is good news for the poor, the vulnerable, and all who long for peace. Advent hope is not passive waiting but an active longing to see the world made new.

Although in his letter to the Romans Paul speaks of harmony among all the members of the church, the scope of such a horizon must be opened today to include all creation in that vision of harmony. There can be no societal harmony if the forces of life on earth are not in harmony. This balance will only endure if the interconnectedness of earth's elements is respected and sustained on all levels.

Historically, the reign of God was considered only a socio-religious reality. Today, we realize that everything that is human is part of cosmic reality. "One accord" and "one voice" includes all the natural forces of the cosmos, that is, God's creation. And all creation glorifies God with one voice and with one accord.

John the Baptist in Matthew 3 calls us to **prepare the way** with honest repentance. Making room for Christ means allowing God to reshape our priorities and renew our hearts.

As we wait for the Savior, may we open ourselves to God's transforming work- welcoming His justice, His peace, and His hope into our lives and our community.

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† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, the word “creation” has a broader meaning than “nature”, for it has to do with God’s loving plan in which every creature has its own value and significance. Nature is usually seen as a system which can be studied, understood and controlled, whereas creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all. (76)

All creatures are moving forward with us and through us toward a common point of arrival, which is God, in that transcendent fullness where the risen Christ embraces and illumines all things. (83)

When we speak of “environment”, what we really mean is the relationship existing between nature and the society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it. (139)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That we may come to realize that all of nature is interconnected within the universe, that is God's creation, let us pray to the Lord ...

Option 2: That, realizing our interconnectedness with all of creation, we will respect the unique life forces of every creature, let us pray to the Lord ...

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