



# Ordinary Time Summer 2020

We gather together in our homes to join in prayer with all members of our Parish Community.



## Fourteenth Wednesday of Ordinary Time

8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Jesus summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

**Matthew 10:1-7**

At the end of the day we give thanks to God the Father who reconciled the whole universe to himself in Christ. – *Glory to you, Lord God!*

We thank you for the beauty of creation: may the work of man not disfigure it, but enhance it to your greater glory. – *Glory to you, Lord God!*

We thank you, Father, for all the good things we enjoy: teach us to be grateful and to use them well. – *Glory to you, Lord God!*

Teach us to seek the things that please you, then we shall find you in all that we do. – *Glory to you, Lord God!*

Lord, as we journey towards the promised land, feed us with bread from heaven, quench our thirst with living water. – *Glory to you, Lord God!*

And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

The mission of Christ the Redeemer, which is entrusted to the Church, is still very far from completion. As the second millennium after Christ's coming draws to an end, an overall view of the human race shows that this mission is still only beginning and that we must commit ourselves wholeheartedly to its service. It is the Spirit who impels us to proclaim the great works of God: "For if I preach the Gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!" (1 Cor 9: 16)

In the name of the whole Church, I sense an urgent duty to repeat this cry of St. Paul. From the beginning of my Pontificate I have chosen to travel to the ends of the earth in order to show this missionary concern. My direct contact with peoples who do not know Christ has convinced me even more of the *urgency of missionary activity*, a subject to which I am devoting the present encyclical. The Second Vatican Council sought to renew the Church's life and activity in the light of the needs of the contemporary world. The Council emphasized the Church's "missionary nature," basing it in a dynamic way on the Trinitarian mission itself. The missionary thrust therefore belongs to the very nature of the Christian life, and is also the inspiration behind ecumenism: "that they may all be one...so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21).

Pope John Paul II **REDEMPTORIS MISSIO**



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