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6 “Working for God’s reign in the world of today”

July 7th , 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Luke 10: 1-9

Reflection: *“The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few.”*

What does working for God’s reign in the world look like today? We don’t have to look too far to see the opportunities to bring to others the hope that the Gospel inspires in us. We see the plight of high youth unemployment, the injustice of our asylum seeker policy, the morally corrupt practices of multi-national corporations, the unjust economic system and the destruction we humans are inflicting on the natural world.

Many choose to say, “What can I do?” and think that it is all too hard. Then we see those who selflessly give their time working for justice, for peace and for the protection of creation. They show us the way. Sometimes it takes just a small number of committed people to bring about positive change for those who are suffering. When this happens, the harvest is indeed abundant and produces the seeds of life to be passed on for the future.

Fact File: Most Catholic schools are involved in social justice action. They have at least a Social Justice contact person, if not a co-ordinator. Many parishes have a social justice group. More and more are also involved in action for caring for creation.

Learn More: Learn how to use the See, Judge, Act process to identify a social justice issue, analyse it, pray about it, reflect on it in the light of Catholic Social Teaching and work co-operatively on approaches to action.

Take Action: Do something as a family. Join a Social Justice group near you. Contact your parish. Start one at your school. Contact our Centre for ideas or resources.



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