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## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14c | Gal 6:14-18 | Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

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### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Our calling as disciples of Christ is to evangelize. To be honest, it's something many of us aren't entirely comfortable with. Anyone who has ever felt ill-equipped to share the faith with family or friends should be reassured by today's Gospel. Jesus' early followers probably felt unprepared to share the news that the kingdom of God was at hand – and they received their marching orders from Jesus himself! When Jesus sent the seventy-two out to proclaim his coming, he knew they would feel insecure. He sent them without money, sandals, or even a sack for travel, and told them they would be lambs among wolves. How nervous they must have been given that ominous warning! Still, they believed they would have what they needed. Sure enough, their work was successful. They rejoiced because they could cast out demons in his name – something they never imagined was possible. They turned hearts to Christ because they trusted and obeyed him.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When it comes to sharing our faith with the people God puts in our lives, we're asked to do the same as the seventy-two: Obey Jesus' command to go out and proclaim his kingdom and trust we will have what we need. It isn't necessary to rehearse our testimony. We don't need to memorize the Scriptures or cite chapter and verse. An advanced degree in theology isn't required. What is needed? Ears for listening and the patience to act. Listen closely for the person who says they're afraid or alone, confused or hurting. Listen with compassion to the person who feels abandoned by God. Listen with an open heart to the person who shares doubts or disappointments. Wait for an opening in the conversation to remind him or her that God loves them through every struggle. And share your faith through the power of prayer.

### **PRAY**

This week, find that someone in your life who may be hurting for whatever reason. Tell them you will pray *for* them and offer to pray *with* them. Prayer and compassion are our marching orders, and we can follow them by trusting Jesus is right there with us when we need him.