



14th Sunday of Ordinary Time—6th July 2025

When Jesus sends out the seventy-two, in the Gospel we hear this Sunday, we might wonder how ready they are for the demanding task ahead of them. It shows us that Jesus must trust his followers if his outreach is going to be extended. He must depend on the various talents of his followers; he must depend on their understanding and their resolve to get it right.

As he gives his missionary instruction, Jesus seems under no illusion about the territory: compared to the wolves roaming around, his own crowd are like lambs. He charges them to lead the radical lifestyle of the wandering preacher who must face homelessness and renunciation of family and property. They are not to be encumbered by extras nor to be delayed by roadside chats.

On their return the disciples are delighted that their mission has actually worked! Their joy demonstrates that people do welcome the word of God and that the word of God is their real resource for mission.

Today it is us who are called to carry out this mission through how we live our lives. Our challenges may be different but our joy will be the same. Can we share the Word of God through our interactions?

Loving God,

Awaken me to a sense of Your presence. Help me to catch glimpses of Your face in the faces of those around me. Help me to see others with Your eyes and to know them as Your own precious children. Make me aware of what I cannot or will not recognise - in myself and in others. Make me an instrument of Your peace and reconciliation.

I ask this in Your name, Amen.

Lord, thank You for letting us work with You to share your joy with the world. Help us not take for granted the gift it is to share Your Gospel to the nations, and to our neighbours. Help us have eyes to see the needs around us and to respond to those needs in joy and hope. Thank You so much Lord for Your love and care over us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

This week let us pray for:

- ◆ the communities in our twin diocese of Bamenda;
- ◆ leaders who are endeavouring to find peaceful solutions for the troubles of the world;
- ◆ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning.



Your peace will rest on that man.

Luke 10:1-9

