

MAY 8, 2016

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 7:55–60

PSALM 97:1–2, 6–7, 9

REVELATION 22:12–14, 16–17, 20

JOHN 17:20–26

REFLECTION

Today we hear Jesus' prayer for his disciples. What prayer do you have for your friends and fellow classmates as the school year comes to a close? No doubt, you have a soft spot in your heart for particular friends. All people are precious, but some shine a bit brighter. No matter where your friends and classmates are in your heart, let us wish that the fullness of the year remain with them. Offer up the prayers that you have for each of your friends, and trust that each of them will be guided and protected by God in the years to come.



"GO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE"

NCYC Unplugged
STEVE ANGRISANO

[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=EQJ4TLRy1KI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQJ4TLRy1KI)

ACTION

This week, follow Jesus' example of heartfelt, personal prayer with God the Father. We know that Christ is with us always, as our door and intercessor with the Father. He stands with us as we pour out our hearts to God, and through him, we also may come to God as Abba, Father. Take time each day or evening this week for spontaneous, conversational prayer with the Father. If this is an unfamiliar or uncomfortable form of prayer, spend a few moments reading Sacred Scripture or praying a familiar prayer and allow that to lead you into a time with God in which you simply bring yourself, your needs, your hopes and all you are to our loving Father.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- What about Jesus' prayer in today's Gospel struck you most powerfully?
- How does your relationship with Christ affect your relationships with others?