



COP 27 November 6th Reflections

God is God of the living, and not of the dead, for to him everyone is alive. All biodiversity comes alive because of the one who created us. Everything was created good and was meant to be in harmony but what have we done in return? So much destruction has been inflicted to our mother earth and she continuously cries for help. How do we respond to this cry? We can draw inspiration from the readings for today. The first reading and the gospel for today speak of two sets of seven brothers. The first seven offered their lives in witness for the faith while the other seven stood up for tradition. Their commonality would be their faithfulness and obedience to what they believed in. If only we have this type of person when it come to standing up for mother earth. How great it is to behold witnesses echoing her cries in different forums, fearlessly calling for conversion, begging us to change our lifestyle in order to bring forth new life. How many are willing to take the place of advocates who have lost their lives to protect creation. Not

all of us might have the opportunity to make a big stand, however, in the ordinary events of our daily life, we ask: how could we make a difference? How could we stand for our faith and tradition that call us to be giver and bearers of life? We are all daughters and sons of God, because we are born of the resurrection. May we enable creation to come alive again not just for us now but especially for the next generation to come. May God encourage our hearts and make us steadfast in caring for our mother earth in our every word and deed.

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