

Today is the seventh Sunday in our Easter Season.

In our Scripture readings, we see the first mission of the disciples – and note the place and the power of prayer in the life of the early Church.

We see the early disciples gathered together with one mind and one heart, devoting themselves to the practice of prayer. We see Jesus, in an intimate moment, as he prays for his disciples, for all those who believe.

What is the place of prayer in our lives? We have those moments when a beautiful sunrise or good news from the doctor elicits a moment of prayerful quiet and gratitude. Or when the seemingly insurmountable challenges us, and we boldly cry out, HELP!

How and how often do we embrace the power of prayer?

We are never alone in prayer. What is it like to know that someone is praying for us? Or that our community of faith is praying for us? What is it like to know that Jesus is praying for us - today, right here, right now, always – as he did for the first disciples and all disciples through the ages?

At this Eucharist, let us be of one mind and heart as we open our hearts to the prayer of Jesus for us. Let us join in that prayer for one another and for the healing of our world.