



ALL THINGS NEW

STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

READING

ACTS 2:14-15; 37-43

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, “You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, “What are we to do, my brothers?” ³⁸ Peter [said] to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰ He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

⁴² They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

BRIEF REFLECTION (GIVEN BY LEADER)

JOY OF THE GOSPEL

PARAGRAPH 25

I hope that all communities will devote the necessary effort to advancing along the path of a pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are. “Mere administration” can no longer be enough. Throughout the world, let us be “permanently in a state of mission”.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

When have you been “cut to the heart” by the Gospel message?

When the converts were “cut to the heart”, they responded with the question “what are we to do”? How can we be more active in our response to the demands of the Gospel?

How can you develop an awareness of the difference between “mere administration” i.e. *business as usual* vs. a “permanent state of mission”?