Reflections on 14th Sunday of Year 25C.

Mass: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm: 65; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12,17-20.

Once again, the word for peace becomes central to the mission of the Church, to be bearers of the 'shalom', the desire to bring healing to a broken world, to restore unity. To be open and welcoming is the heart of this mission and those who are open and welcome to the missioners will know what that means. Those who shut doors and cut flesh, as in Galatians, are in a very different ballgame. The unity and openness are beautifully described in the maternal image of Zion, the Holy City. how different from the destruction that we are seeing in Ukraine, Syria, and so many other places.