



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19
Psalm 85: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8: 26-27
Matthew 13: 24-43
(or 13: 24-30)



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In the First Reading, God is revealed as both master and friend of humanity. His strength is the source of justice and leniency. He gives sinners the opportunity to repent and return to Him. **In a world often marked by selfishness, exploitation and indifference, God calls us to imitate His gentleness and humanity in our interaction with others and with creation itself.**

The natural imagery in today's Gospel deepens this message. The good sower plants wheat, while the enemy secretly sows weeds among it. Jesus explains that the field represents the world, the good seeds are the children of the Kingdom, and the weeds represent the forces of evil and sin. In our families, communities and society, are we sowers of good seed that bring life, peace and hope, or do we sow weeds through division, greed, neglect and harmful actions?

This message is especially meaningful as we reflect on care for our common home and creation spirituality. The earth itself is like the field in the Gospel. God has entrusted it to humanity to cultivate and protect. Yet through irresponsible living, pollution, deforestation and wastefulness, many weeds have been planted in creation. The suffering of the poor and the destruction of the environment reveal the consequences of human sin and selfishness. Still, God patiently waits, giving us opportunities to change and restore what has been damaged.

St. Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. We cannot deny the reality that good and evil are in the world together. Jesus allowed the weeds to remain with the wheat as challenges to us in our lives. The choice is really our own. With the guidance of the Spirit, may we choose to be good seeds in God's field — people who nurture life, protect creation, show mercy and work for justice. As we journey together, may we become faithful stewards of God's gifts and in the time of harvest we may enjoy the rewards as Children of God in the Kingdom of Heaven. With the psalmist, we praise Him for His mercy. ✠

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MONTHLY FOCUS: ECOLOGY: Care of Our Common Home

Sowing Good Seeds in Our Common Home

Today's readings remind us powerfully that our God is caring, patient, just and merciful to all. Through the beauty of creation and the wisdom of His Word, God teaches us how we are to live with one another and with the earth entrusted to our care.

