

"The family finds in the plan of God the Creator and Redeemer not only its identity, what it is, but also its mission. what it can and should do."

> St. John Paul II (Familiaris Consortio)

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

2 Samuel 5: 1-3

Psalm 121: 1-5

Colossians 1: 12-20

Luke 23: 35-43

"Today you will be with me in paradise." This is kingship in the domestic church: authority that serves, power that kneels.

David is anointed shepherd-king to gather the tribes; parents, grandparents, and godparents are called to shepherd hearts, creating rooms where truth can be told, where a teenager dares to ask hard questions, where an elderly parent is treated with reverence. Colossians sings of Christ through whom and for whom all things were made and in whom all things hold together. He can hold our households together when pride, debt, or old wounds pull us apart. Quas Primas (33 - "He must reign in our minds... He must reign in our wills.") placed Christ at the centre of public life; Amoris Laetitia places Him at the centre of daily tenderness. In a country of many languages and convictions, we proclaim His kingship when our budgets make space for the poor, when we refuse sarcasm as a weapon, when we forgive before the sun sets.

A synodal Church in mission grows from such homes: merciful, truthful, hospitable, so that parish becomes a place the wounded can speak and belong.

This week: Choose one form of reconciliation to begin with and set aside a concrete offering for a family in need.

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