



# Daily Reflections

**July 3, 2017**

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## **Scripture**

### **Ephesians 2: 19-22**

Brothers and sisters:

You are no longer strangers and sojourners,  
but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones  
and members of the household of God,  
built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.

Through him the whole structure is held together  
and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord;  
in him you also are being built together  
into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

The hallmark of a great teacher is his or her's ability to capture the imagination and that is exactly what Paul did in today's text. He describes the Church as a "household" in which the baptized believers reside. The foundation of the house is the teaching of the Apostles and Christ Himself is the cornerstone which holds the entire structure together. No Christ, no Church.

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## **Food for your Journey**

MORAL SPOILAGE" is a powerful theme and phrase that Czechoslovakia's former President, Vaclav Havel, developed during his tenure as head of his country. He writes:

"The worst of it is that we live in a spoiled moral environment. We have become morally ill because we are used to saying one thing and thinking another. We have learned not to believe in anything, not to care about each other, to worry only about ourselves. If I speak about a spoiled moral atmosphere, I don't refer only to our masters ... I'm speaking about all of us. For all of us have grown accustomed to the totalitarian system and accepted it as an immutable fact, and thereby actually helped keep it going. None of us is only its victim; we are all also responsible for it. Let us make no mistake: even the best government, the best parliament and the best president cannot do much by themselves. Freedom and democracy, after all, mean joint participation and shared responsibility."

--Vaclav Havel, as quoted by David Mathews, Kettering Review, Winter 1990, 65.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, May the members of Your Body, the Church, always remain faithful to You and follow Your way, faithfully. Amen.