

# **MORNING MEDITATION**

**Tuesday, Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Forbearance is perseverance in the face of delay.**

## **Jeremiah 14:17-22**

Overwhelmed by the destruction of the nation and the suffering his people, Jeremiah laments and prays to God for deliverance. He affirms that only Yahweh, the God of Israel can do this.

## **Psalm 79**

**Help us, O God our savior,  
Because of the glory of your name;  
Deliver us and pardon our sins,  
For your name's sake.**

## **Mathew 13:36-43**

The disciples asked Jesus to explain to them the parable of the weeds in the field. Jesus used the parable to reveal to them many important truths about God and God's ways. Among them the following are important for us to reflect on and pray about.

**Take a moment.... prayerfully reflect over the following:**

- **there are negative forces in the field and so be cautious.**
- **it is often difficult to distinguish between good and bad and so turn to those who have knowledge and wisdom for guidance and direction.**
- **don't be too quick to draw conclusions or make judgments; only God can and will make the final judgment, so leave the judgment to God.**
- **pray for the gift of discernment**

**Saint of the Day, July 30 - St. Peter Crysologus and 14 other saints are remembered this day**

Few details of St. Peter Chrysologus' biography are known. He was born in the Italian town of Imola in either the late fourth or early fifth century. Cornelius, bishop of the Diocese of Imola, baptized him, educated him, and ordained him a deacon. He was made an archdeacon through the influence of Emperor Valentinian III. Around the year 433, Pope Sixtus III appointed Peter as Bishop of Ravenna, the capital of the West at that time.

People knew Saint Peter Chrysologus for his very simple and short but inspired sermons, for he was afraid of fatiguing the attention of his listeners. His piety and zeal won universal admiration. After hearing oratory of his first homily as bishop, Roman Empress Galla Placidia supposedly gave him the surname Chrysologus, meaning "golden-worded."

In his homilies, Bishop Peter explained Biblical texts briefly and concisely, condemned Arianism and Monophysitism as heresies, explained the Apostles' Creed, the mystery of the Incarnation, and other topics in simple and clear language. He dedicated a series of homilies to Saint John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Peter advocated daily reception of Eucharist. He urged his listeners to confide in the forgiveness offered through Christ. Archbishop Felix of Ravenna in the early eighth century collected and preserved 176 of his homilies. Various authors edited and translated these works into numerous languages. St Peter died around the year 450 during a visit to Imola, the town of his birth.

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