



**St Mother Teresa of Kolkatha** (1910-1997) was born in Skopje (modern Macedonia). After having lived in Macedonia for eighteen years, she moved to Ireland and then to India, where she lived most of her life. Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity. Besides the three traditional vows the members take a fourth vow, to give "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor".

**First Reading:** (1 Cor 4:6-15) I have applied all this to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brethren, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favour of one against another. For who sees anything different in you? What have you that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift? Already you are filled! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labour, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we

have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

**Ps 144:17-21**

**R./ The Lord is close to all who call him.**

**Gospel:** (Lk 6:1-5) On a sabbath, while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands. But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath?" And Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God, and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?" And he said to them, "The Son of man is lord of the sabbath."

**Reflection:** "Seeing and Looking" make all the difference in interpreting the law. If you look for a fault then you will see all around you "law" being broken. But if you see "the law breakers," then you are filled with compassion and understand the law as the will of God to support and guard humans from any harm. **Laws of God is not to look for faults, but to make sure that no one is deprived of God's Justice.** What about you? Do you look for faults in the light of the law, or do you see that laws are there to protect us?