

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – Wednesday 25th October 2023

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Harvest Thought

I was impressed by this harvest thought by Robin Wall Kinnerer from Braiding Sweetgrass, the chapter on the Council of Pecans.

Through unity, survival. All flourishing is mutual. Soil, fungus, tree, squirrel, boy — all are the beneficiaries of reciprocity.

How generously they shower us with food, giving themselves so that we can live. But in the giving their lives are also ensured. Our taking returns benefit to them in the circle of life making life, the chain of reciprocity. Living by the precepts of the Honourable Harvest, to take only what is given, to use it well, to be grateful for the gift is easy in Pecan Grove. We reciprocate the gift by taking care of the grove, protecting it from harm, planting seeds so that new groves will shade the prairie and feed the squirrels.

The pecan provides food and so much more. We give thanks to God.