

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18. 1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' ⁶And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to God's chosen ones who cry to God day and night? Will God delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of humanity returns, will he find faith on earth?' Amen.

We are listening, O God; **Speak to us!**