

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

*Romans 8:31b-35,37-39*

### **A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

If God is for us, who can be against us?  
He who did not spare his own Son  
but handed him over for us all,  
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?  
Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?  
It is God who acquits us.

Who will condemn?  
It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,  
who also is at the right hand of God,  
who indeed intercedes for us.  
What will separate us from the love of Christ?  
Will anguish, or distress, or persecution,  
or famine, or nakedness,  
or peril, or the sword?  
No, in all these things  
we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor present things, nor future things,  
nor powers,  
nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The Word of the Lord.**