

## **A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

**For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.**

**But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.**

**How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath.**

**Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life.**

**Not only that, but we also boast of God through our lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

**The word of the Lord**