

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**Brothers and sisters:****If God is for us, who can be against us?****He did not spare his own Son****but handed him over for us all,****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.**