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