

A reading from the first book of Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who in his great mercy
gave us a new birth to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead,
to an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for you
who by the power of God
are safeguarded through faith,
to a salvation that is ready to be revealed
in the final time.

In this you rejoice, although now for a little while
you may have to suffer through various trials,
so that the genuineness of your faith,
more precious than gold that is perishable
even though tested by fire,
may prove to be for praise, glory,
and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Although you have not seen him you love him;
even though you do not see him now
yet believe in him,
you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
as you attain the goal of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord