

## **A Reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters:

We know that death is at work in us,  
but life in you.

Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith,  
according to what is written,  
“I believed; therefore, I spoke,”  
we too believe and therefore speak,  
knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus  
will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you  
in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,  
so that the grace bestowed in abundance  
on more and more people  
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow  
for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged;  
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,  
our inner self is being renewed day by day.

For this momentary light affliction  
is producing for us an eternal weight of glory  
beyond all comparison,  
as we look not to what is seen  
but to what is unseen;  
for what is seen is transitory,  
but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,  
should be destroyed,  
we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands,  
eternal in heaven.

**The word of the Lord.**