

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Brothers and sisters:

We ought to put up with the failings of the weak  
and not to please ourselves;

let each of us please our neighbor for the good,  
for building up.

For Christ did not please himself.

May the God of endurance and encouragement  
grant you to think in harmony with one another,  
in keeping with Christ Jesus,  
that with one accord you may with one voice  
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed  
you,  
for the glory of God.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace  
in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of  
the Holy Spirit.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.