

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (1014-6)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

No one lives for oneself
and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die
for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

For we shall all stand before the judgement seat of God;

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every
tongue shall give praise to God.*

So then each of us shall give an accounting himself to God.

The word of the Lord.