

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have
love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all
mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to
move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over
so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous,
it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own
interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood
over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but
rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things.

Love never fails.

The Word of the Lord.