

Reading

Romans 8:26-27

*The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

<sup>26</sup> The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness.  
For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly,  
the Spirit himself expresses our plea  
in a way that could never be put into words,  
<sup>27</sup> and God who knows everything in our hearts  
knows perfectly well what he means,  
and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit  
are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.