

N-2s

Short form

Reading

Romans 12: 1–2, 9–13

Offer your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.

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

- ¹ Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him,
I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings,
by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.
- ² Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you,
but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind.
This is the only way to discover the will of God
and know what is good, what it is that God wants,
what is the perfect thing to do.
- ⁹ Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil.
- ¹⁰ Love each other as much as brothers should,
and have profound respect for each other.
- ¹¹ Work for the Lord with untiring effort
and with great earnestness of spirit.
- ¹² If you have hope, this will make you cheerful.
Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying.
- ¹³ If any of the saints are in need you must share with them;
and you should make hospitality your special care.

The word of the Lord.