

Maureen's Reading:

From the Book of Wisdom, Chapter 3, Verse 1 to 6, and 9

But the souls of the just are in the hand of God: and the torment of death shall not touch them.

In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure was taken for misery.

And their going away from us, for utter destruction: but they are in peace.

And though in the sight of men they suffered torments, their hope is full of immortality.

Afflicted in few things, in many they shall be well rewarded: because God hath tried them, and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace he hath proved them, and as a victim of a holocaust there shall be respect had to them.

They that trust in him shall understand the truth, and they that are faithful in love shall rest in him: for grace and peace is to his elect.

Mary's Reading:

From the First Book of Peter, Chapter 2, Verse 11-12

Beloved, you are strangers and in exile: hence I urge you not to indulge your desires.

By their nature they wage war on the soul.

Though the pagans may slander you as troublemakers, conduct yourselves blamelessly among them.

By observing your good works they may give glory to God on the day of visitation.