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# Daily Reflections



## THE VICTORY IS ALREADY OURS

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### Excerpts from Today's First Reading

*If God is for us, who can be against us? ...  
Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? ...  
What will separate us from the love of Christ?  
Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,  
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? ...  
No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly  
through him who loved us.  
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor present things, nor future things,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor any other creature will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**ROMANS 8:31b, 33, 35, 37-39**

## Reflection

“If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Romans 8:31b is one of many reassuring verses in the Bible, and one that carries a particular punch. It seems to say not that God is keeping a loving eye on us, but that God has ruled in favor of us, that God has voted for us, that God has chosen us and it doesn't matter if no one else does: God's decision trumps all ... and will carry us to victory.

This is an interpretation easy to subscribe to if you are cherry-picking Bible verses.

We can all think of public figures who have an attitude of assumed victory -- that what they want to do must be the right thing to do, simply because they want to do it; and because it is the right thing ... it will succeed.

But you don't have to go that far afield. Surely we can see similar examples in our own lives -- maybe we can even remember instances when we ourselves believed that we had right on our side, and we didn't need to look any farther; we didn't need to try to understand what others might think or feel, and we certainly didn't need to wonder whether there might be just a smidge of right on anyone else's side.

Can God be for all of us, even if we are acting from different points of view?

The answer lies in two final questions in this chapter of the letter to the Romans. “What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?”

Here we understand what we might have overlooked before:

God is for us -- every single one of us. God's love for us is undying, and no incident, no experience, no sin can change that.

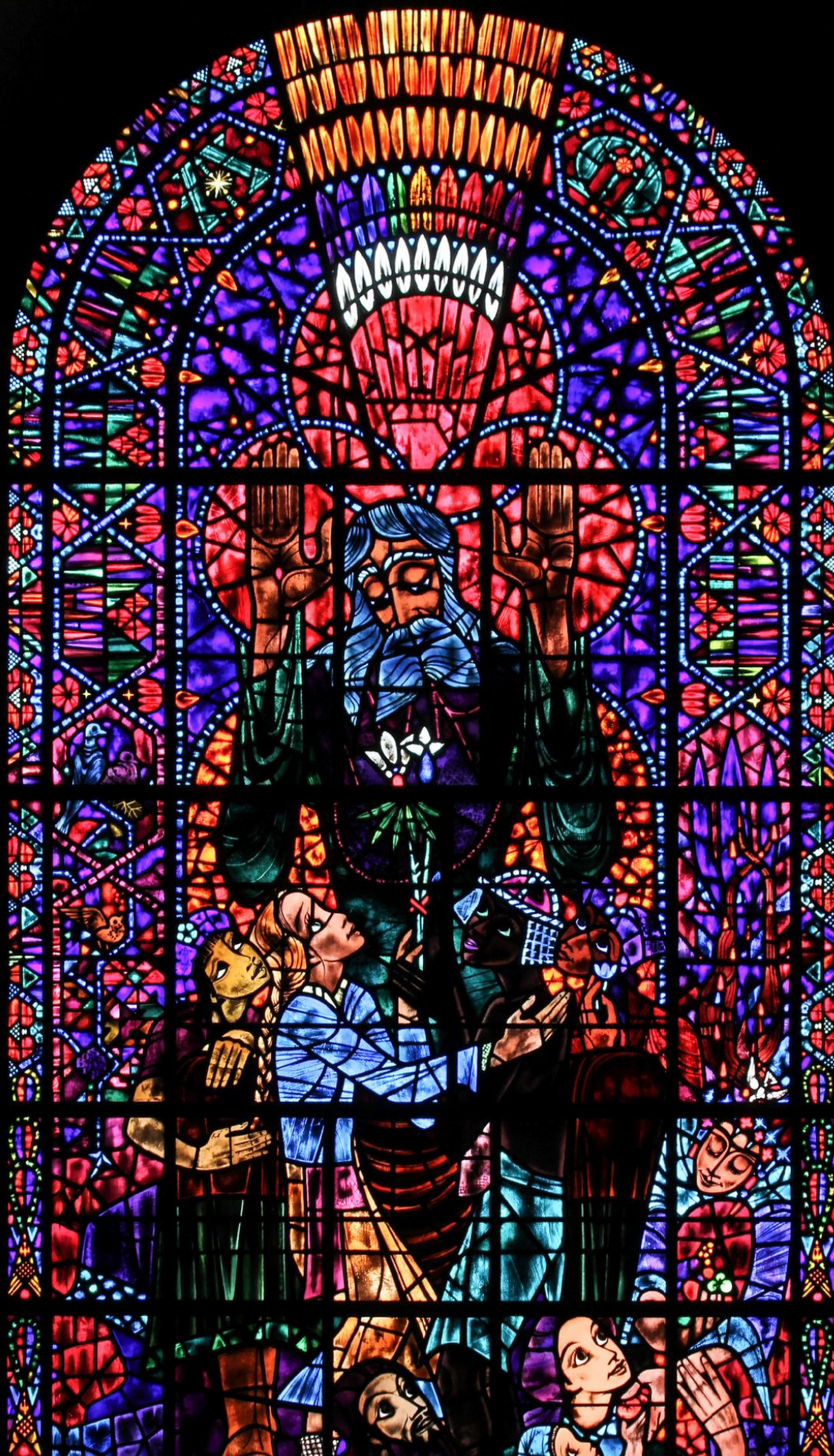
“If God is for us, who can be against us?” This isn't a question about worldly victory or achievement, about succeeding with a mission or task, about being in the right. It's much simpler, and so much more fundamental than that.

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## For Pondering

- Have you ever felt separated from God's love? How did you respond to this feeling?
- Close your eyes and reflect on the verse, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" What feelings arise in you? Is this verse comforting or puzzling for you?

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## For Prayer

*Loving and gracious God,  
There are not words enough to express my thanks  
that you are always at my side,  
no matter how poor my decisions or how misguided my steps.  
I pray you will continue to remind me  
that your very presence in my life is victory,  
and that the greatest blessings you have given me  
are bound to something so much greater than worldly success.  
Amen.*

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