

*Daily Morning Message*  
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*Lectionary Readings*      *Psalm 73:1-20*  
*Proverbs 8:32-9:6*  
*Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

*Today's Scripture Verse:*      *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)*

*What it means:*      The anonymous author of the Epistle to the Hebrews reminds his readers with vivid stories of faithfulness under duress how many witnesses of the faith have gone before them. Now they, who are witnesses to the truth of God conveyed in Jesus Christ, have reason to be faithful, strengthened by their awareness of his suffering and his ultimate triumph.

*Our time of reflection:*      Dear God, we pray that we may faithfully run the race in the difficult times as well as the times of joy, and that we may remember the endurance and faith of Jesus as an encouragement for our own commitment to the building of God's Realm.

