Guido van Besouw: Our Lady of Philermos
Stained Glass Window at Blessed Gerard's Care Centre, Mandeni, RSA

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own Son
but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else along
with him?
Who will bring a charge
against God's chosen ones?
It is God who acquits us.
Who will condemn?
It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised,
who also is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.

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, 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.

Lord Jesus Christ,

Through your grace you have called me
to serve you as a member
of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard.
I thank you for counting me worthy of this task.
I ask you humbly,
with the intercession of Our Lady,
St. John the Baptist, Blessed Gérard Tonque
and all the Saints
that the spirituality of our Brotherhood
may pervade my life and my actions
to be always dedicated to your service
in my family, my friends
and whoever needs my help.
Trusting in your help
I always want to protect the faith
and have an open heart for my neighbour,
especially the Poor, the Sad, the Lonely,
the Handicapped and the Sick.
Grant me the strength needed
to live according to this resolution
as an upright Christian
selflessly in the Spirit of Your Gospel
for the honour of God, for the peace of the world
and the benefit of our community.

Amen.

In loving memory of

Mrs Clare Ann Kalkwarf D.M.

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