

A Reading from the Book of Sirach:

God sets a father in honor over his children;

a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.

Whoever honors their father atones for sins;

and preserves himself from them.

When he prays, he is heard;

he stores up riches who reveres his mother.

Whoever honors his father is gladdened with children,

and, when he prays, he is heard.

Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;

he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;

grieve him not as long as he lives.

Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;

do not revile him not all the days of his life;

kindness to a father will not be forgotten;

firmly planted against the debt of your sins –

a house raised in justice to you.

The Word of the Lord