

**A Reading from the first Letter  
of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians:**

**3:12-4:2**

**Brothers and sisters:**

**May the Lord make you increase and abound in love  
for one another and for all,  
just as we have for you,  
so as to strengthen your hearts,  
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His holy ones. Amen.**

**Finally, brothers and sisters,  
we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that,  
as you received from us  
how you should conduct yourselves to please God  
and as you are conducting yourselves  
you do so even more.  
For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord  
Jesus.**

**The Word of the Lord.**