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| Romans  8: 14-23  Selection B6 | **A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans**  **Brothers and Sisters:**  **Those who are led by the Spirit of God**  **are children of God.**  **For you did not receive a spirit of slavery**  **to fall back into fear,**  **but you received a spirit of adoption,**  **through which we cry, “Abba, Father!”**  **The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit**  **that we are children of God, and if children,**  **then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,**  **if only we suffer with him**  **so that we may also be glorified with him.**  **I consider that the sufferings of this present time**  **are as nothing compared with the glory**  **to be revealed for us.**  **For creation awaits with eager expectation**  **the revelation of the children of God;**  **for creation was made subject to futility,**  **not of its own accord**  **but because of the one who subjected it,**    ***Continued on the Next Page***  **in hope that creation itself would be set free**  **from slavery to corruption and share in**  **the glorious freedom of the children of God.**  **We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains**  **even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves,**  **who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,**  **we also groan within ourselves**  **as we wait for adoption,**  **the redemption of our bodies.**  **The Word of the Lord** |