

## **A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah**

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you  
Says the Lord

plans for your welfare and not for woe,  
plans to give you a future full of hope.

When you call me, and come and pray to me,  
I will listen to you.

When you look for me,  
you will find me.

Yes, when you seek me with all your heart,  
I will let you find me

Says the Lord  
and I will change your lot;  
I will gather you together from all the nations  
and all the places to which I have banished you

Says the Lord  
and bring you back to the place from which  
I have exiled you.

**The Word of the Lord**