

## ***A READING FROM THE BOOK OF TOBIT***

*On their wedding night, Tobiah rose from bed and said to his wife,*

*“Sister, come, let us pray and beg our Lord to grant us mercy and protection.”*

*Sarah got up, and they started to pray and beg that they might be protected.*

*They began with these words:*

*“Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors;  
blessed be your name forever and ever!  
Let the heavens and all your creation bless you  
forever.*

*You made Adam, and you made his wife Eve  
to be his helper and support;  
and from these two the human race has come.*

*You said,*

*‘It is not good for the man to be alone;  
Let us make him a partner like himself’  
Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine  
Not because of lust,  
But for a noble purpose.*

*Call down your mercy on me and on her,  
And allow us to live together to a happy old age.”*

*They said together, “Amen, amen”*

***THE WORD OF THE LORD***

***TOBIT 8:5-7***