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(801-5) Tobit 8:4b-8

Allow us to live together to a happy old age.

A reading from the Book of Tobit

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

**“Sister, get up. Let us pray and beg our Lord
to have mercy on us and to grant us deliverance.”**

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

They began with these words:

**“Blessed are you, O God of our fathers;
praised be your name forever and ever.**

**Let the heavens and all your creation
praise you forever.**

**You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve
to be his help and support;
and from these two the human race
descended.**

**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.