



The First Reading

Tobit 8: 4-8

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The first reading is from the book of Tobit.

On the evening of their marriage,
Tobias said to Sarah, "you and I must pray and petition our Lord to
win his grace and protection".

They began praying for protection, and this is how he began:

"You are blessed, O God of our fathers;
blessed, too, is your name for ever and ever.
Let the heavens bless you
And all the things you have made for evermore.

It was you who created Adam,
You who created Eve his wife, to be his help and support;
And from these two the human race was born.

It was you who said,
'It is not good that man should be alone,
Let us make in him a helpmate like himself'.

And so I do not take my kinswoman for any lustful motive;
I do it in singleness of heart,
Be kind enough to have pity on her and on me
And bring us to old age together."

And together they said "Amen, Amen."

The Word of the Lord

