

A reading from the Book of Tobit 8: 4-8

On the evening of their marriage, Tobias said to Sarah,
"Let us pray that the Lord may have mercy upon us."
And Tobias began to pray,
"Blessed are you, O God of our fathers,
and blessed is your name for ever.
Let the heavens and all your creatures bless you.
You made Adam and gave him Eve his wife as a helper and
support.
From them the race of mankind has sprung.
You said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone;
let us make a helper for him like himself.'
And now, O Lord, I am not taking this kinswoman of mine because
of lust,
but with sincerity.
Grant that she and I may find mercy and that we may grow old
together." And they both said, "Amen."

This is the word of the Lord

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