

Reading

Tobit 8:4b-8

Bring us to old age together.

A reading from the book of Tobit.

- 4 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,
- 5 and this was 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 things you have made for evermore.
- 6 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 the man should be alone;
 let us make him a helpmate like himself.”
- 8 And so I do not take my sister
 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.’
- 8 And together they said, ‘Amen, Amen.’

The word of the Lord.