

Christmas Vigil Readings according to the Armenian Rite

1-Ծննդ Genesis 1:1-3:24

1-1 In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth and the earth was without form or shape, with darkness over the abyss and a mighty wind sweeping over the waters

3 Then God said: Let there be light, and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good. God then separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” Evening came, and morning followed—the first day.

6 Then God said: Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters, to separate one body of water from the other. 7 God made the dome, and it separated the water below the dome from the water above the dome. And so it happened. 8 God called the dome “sky.” Evening came, and morning followed—the second day.

9 Then God said: Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin, so that the dry land may appear. And so it happened: the water under the sky was gathered into its basin, and the dry land appeared. 10 God called the dry land “earth,” and the basin of water he called “sea.” God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said: Let the earth bring forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. And so it happened: 12 the earth brought forth vegetation: every kind of plant that bears seed and every kind of fruit tree that bears fruit with its seed in it. God saw that it was good. 13 Evening came, and morning followed—the third day.

14 Then God said: Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the seasons, the days and the years, 15 and serve as lights in the dome of the sky, to illuminate the earth. And so it happened: 16 God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night, and the stars. 17 God set them in the dome of the sky, to illuminate the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. 19 Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

20ⁱ Then God said: Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky. 21 God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of crawling living creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds. God saw that it was good, 22 and God blessed them, saying: Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas; and let the birds multiply on the earth. 23 Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day.

24 Then God said: Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature: tame animals, crawling things, and every kind of wild animal. And so it happened: 25 God made every

kind of wild animal, every kind of tame animal, and every kind of thing that crawls on the ground. God saw that it was good.²⁶ Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth.
²⁷God created mankind in his image;

in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth. ²⁹ God also said: See, I give you every seed-bearing plant on all the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food;³⁰and to all the wild animals, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the earth, I give all the green plants for food. And so it happened.³¹God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

²⁻¹Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. ² On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing; he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken. ³God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation.

*The Garden of Eden.*⁴This is the story of the heavens and the earth at their creation. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens—⁵there was no field shrub on earth and no grass of the field had sprouted, for the LORD God had sent no rain upon the earth and there was no man to till the ground,⁶but a stream was welling up out of the earth and watering all the surface of the ground—⁷then the LORD God formed the man* out of the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

⁸The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God made grow every tree that was delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river rises in Eden^z to water the garden; beyond there it divides and becomes four branches.¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon; it is the one that winds through the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.¹²The gold of that land is good; bdellium and lapis lazuli are also there.¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon; it is the one that winds all through the land of Cush.^g¹⁴The name of the third river is the Tigris; it is the one that flows east of Asshur. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

15The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it. 16The LORD God gave the man this order: You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden¹⁷except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. From that tree you shall not eat; when you eat from it you shall die.

18The LORD God said: It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suited to him. 19So the LORD God formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each living creature was then its name.²⁰The man gave names to all the tame animals, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals; but none proved to be a helper suited to the man.

21So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22The LORD God then built the rib that he had taken from the man into a woman. When he brought her to the man,²³the man said:

“This one, at last, is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;

This one shall be called ‘woman,’
for out of man this one has been taken.”

24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

25The man and his wife were both naked, yet they felt no shame.

3-1Now the snake was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You shall not eat from any of the trees in the garden?’”²The woman answered the snake: “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;³ it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘You shall not eat it or even touch it, or else you will die.’”⁴But the snake said to the woman: “You certainly will not die! ⁵God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil.”⁶The woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

⁸When they heard the sound of the LORD God walking about in the garden at the breezy time of the day, the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹The LORD God then called to the man and asked him: Where are

you?10He answered, “I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid.”11Then God asked: Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat?12The man replied, “The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it.”13The LORD God then asked the woman: What is this you have done? The woman answered, “The snake tricked me, so I ate it.”

14Then the LORD God said to the snake:

Because you have done this,

cursed are you

among all the animals, tame or wild;

On your belly you shall crawl,

and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.

15I will put enmity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and hers;

They will strike at your head,

while you strike at their heel.

16To the woman he said:

I will intensify your toil in childbearing;

in pain you shall bring forth children.

Yet your urge shall be for your husband,

and he shall rule over you.

17To the man he said: Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, You shall not eat from it,

Cursed is the ground* because of you!

In toil you shall eat its yield

all the days of your life.

18Thorns and thistles it shall bear for you,

and you shall eat the grass of the field.

19By the sweat of your brow

you shall eat bread,

Until you return to the ground,

from which you were taken;

For you are dust,

and to dust you shall return.

20The man gave his wife the name “Eve,” because she was the mother of all the living.

21The LORD God made for the man and his wife garments of skin, with which he clothed them.

22Then the LORD God said: See! The man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil! Now, what if he also reaches out his hand to take fruit from the tree of life, and eats of it and lives forever?

23The LORD God therefore banished him from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he had been taken.

24He expelled the man, stationing the cherubim and the fiery revolving sword east of the garden of Eden, to guard the way to the tree of life.

2-ᑲᓄᓄᑦ Isaiah 7:10-16

10Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: 11Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as Sheol, or high as the sky! 12But Ahaz answered, “I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!”

13Then he said: Listen, house of David! Is it not enough that you weary human beings? Must you also weary my God? 14Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel. 15Curds and honey he will eat so that he may learn to reject evil and choose good; 16for before the child learns to reject evil and choose good, the land of those two kings whom you dread shall be deserted.

3-ᑲᓄᓄᑦ Exodus 14:24-15:21

24But during the watch just before dawn, the LORD looked down from a column of fiery cloud upon the Egyptian army and threw it into a panic; 25and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could drive only with difficulty. With that the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from Israel, because the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

26Then the LORD spoke to Moses: Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their horsemen. 27So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea returned to its normal flow.

The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward it when the LORD cast the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. 28 As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the horsemen.

Of all Pharaoh's army which had followed the Israelites into the sea, not even one escaped.²⁹ But the Israelites had walked on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water as a wall to their right and to their left.³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel on that day from the power of Egypt. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore³¹ and saw the great power that the LORD had shown against Egypt, the people feared the LORD. They believed in the LORD and in Moses his servant.

15-1 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;

horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

2 My strength and my refuge is the LORD,
and he has become my savior.

This is my God, I praise him;

the God of my father, I extol him.

3 The LORD is a warrior,
LORD is his name!

4 Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea;
the elite of his officers were drowned in the Red Sea.*

5 The flood waters covered them,
they sank into the depths like a stone.

6 Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

7 In your great majesty you overthrew your adversaries;

you loosed your wrath to consume them like stubble.

8 At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up,

the flowing waters stood like a mound,

the flood waters foamed in the midst of the sea.

9 The enemy boasted, "I will pursue and overtake them;

I will divide the spoils and have my fill of them;

I will draw my sword; my hand will despoil them!"

10 When you blew with your breath, the sea covered them;

like lead they sank in the mighty waters.

11 Who is like you among the gods, O LORD?

Who is like you, magnificent among the holy ones?

Awe-inspiring in deeds of renown, worker of wonders,
12when you stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them!

13In your love* you led the people you redeemed;

in your strength you guided them to your holy dwelling.

14The peoples heard and quaked;

anguish gripped the dwellers in Philistia.

15Then were the chieftains of Edom dismayed,

the nobles of Moab seized by trembling;

All the inhabitants of Canaan melted away;

16 terror and dread fell upon them.

By the might of your arm they became silent like stone,

while your people, LORD, passed over,

while the people whom you created passed over.

17You brought them in, you planted them

on the mountain that is your own—

The place you made the base of your throne, LORD,

the sanctuary, LORD, your hands established.

18May the LORD reign forever and ever!

19When Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen entered the sea, the LORD made the waters of the sea flow back upon them, though the Israelites walked on dry land through the midst of the sea. 20Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her

hand, while all the women went out after her with tambourines, dancing; 21and she responded* to them:

Sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;

horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

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4-Uḥpḥu Micah 5:1-7

1 But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah

least among the clans of Judah,

From you shall come forth for me

one who is to be ruler in Israel;

Whose origin is from of old,

from ancient times.

2Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time
when she who is to give birth has borne,

Then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the children of Israel.

3He shall take his place as shepherd
by the strength of the LORD,
by the majestic name of the LORD, his God;

And they shall dwell securely, for now his greatness

shall reach to the ends of the earth:

4he shall be peace.

If Assyria invades our country

and treads upon our land,

We shall raise against it seven shepherds,

eight of royal standing;

5They shall tend the land of Assyria with the sword,
and the land of Nimrod* with the drawn sword;

They will deliver us from Assyria,

when it invades our land,

when it treads upon our borders.

6The remnant of Jacob shall be

in the midst of many peoples,

Like dew coming from the LORD,

like showers on the grass,

Which wait for no one,

delay for no human being.
7And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations,
in the midst of many peoples,
Like a lion among beasts of the forest,
like a young lion among flocks of sheep;
When it passes through it tramples;
it tears and no one can rescue.

5-Առաջինը Proverbs 1-1-9

1The proverbs^z of Solomon, the son of David,
king of Israel:
2That people may know wisdom and discipline,
may understand intelligent sayings;
3May receive instruction in wise conduct,
in what is right, just and fair;
4That resourcefulness may be imparted to the naive,
knowledge and discretion to the young.
5The wise by hearing them will advance in learning,
the intelligent will gain sound guidance,
6To comprehend proverb and byword,
the words of the wise and their riddles.
7Fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and discipline.
8Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
and reject not your mother's teaching;
9A graceful diadem will they be for your head;

a pendant for your neck.

6- Եսայի Isaiah 9:5-7

5For a child is born to us, a son is given to us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
6His dominion is vast
and forever peaceful,
Upon David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains
By judgment and justice,
both now and forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

7- Եսայի Isaiah 11:1-9

1But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.
2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
A spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,
3and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.
Not by appearance shall he judge,
nor by hearsay shall he decide,
4But he shall judge the poor with justice,
and decide fairly for the land's afflicted.

He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.

5Justice shall be the band around his waist,
and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.

6 Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat;

The calf and the young lion shall browse together,
with a little child to guide them.

7The cow and the bear shall graze,

together their young shall lie down;
the lion shall eat hay like the ox.

8The baby shall play by the viper's den,

and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.

9They shall not harm or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,

as water covers the sea.

8- ፮፻፺፯ Isaiah 35:3-8

3Strengthen hands that are feeble,
make firm knees that are weak,

4Say to the fearful of heart:

Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God,

he comes with vindication;

With divine recompense
he comes to save you.

5Then the eyes of the blind shall see,
and the ears of the deaf be opened;

6Then the lame shall leap like a stag,

and the mute tongue sing for joy.

For waters will burst forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the Arabah.
7The burning sands will become pools,
and the thirsty ground, springs of water;
The abode where jackals crouch
will be a marsh for the reed and papyrus.
8A highway will be there,
called the holy way;
No one unclean may pass over it,
but it will be for his people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray on it.

9- ፩ሠላሳ Isaiah 40:10-17

10Here comes with power
the Lord GOD,
who rules by his strong arm;
Here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
11Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;
in his arms he gathers the lambs,
Carrying them in his bosom,
leading the ewes with care.
12Who has measured with his palm the waters,
marked off the heavens with a span,
held in his fingers the dust of the earth,
weighed the mountains in scales

and the hills in a balance?

13Who has directed the spirit of the LORD,
or instructed him as his counselor?

14Whom did he consult to gain knowledge?

Who taught him the path of judgment,

or showed him the way of understanding?

15See, the nations count as a drop in the bucket,

as a wisp of cloud on the scales;

the coastlands weigh no more than a speck.

16Lebanon would not suffice for fuel,

nor its animals be enough for burnt offerings.

17Before him all the nations are as nought,

as nothing and void he counts them.

10- ፩ሠጋክ Isaiah 42:1-8

1Here is my servant* whom I uphold,

my chosen one with whom I am pleased.

Upon him I have put my spirit;
he shall bring forth justice to the nations.

2He will not cry out, nor shout,

nor make his voice heard in the street.

3A bruised reed* he will not break,

and a dimly burning wick he will not quench.

He will faithfully bring forth justice.

4He will not grow dim or be bruised

until he establishes justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

5Thus says God, the LORD,

who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and its produce,
Who gives breath to its people
and spirit to those who walk on it:
6I, the LORD, have called you for justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
7To open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.
8I am the LORD, LORD is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

11-ጥላክዳንኪ Daniel 3:1-91

1King Nebuchadnezzar had a golden statue made, sixty cubits high and six cubits wide, which he set up in the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.2He then ordered the satraps, prefects, and governors, the counselors, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the officials of the provinces to be summoned to the dedication of the statue which he had set up.3The satraps, prefects, and governors, the counselors, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the officials of the provinces came together for the dedication and stood before the statue which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.4A herald cried out: “Nations and peoples of every language,5 when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, zither, dulcimer, harp, double-flute, and all the other musical instruments, you must fall down and worship the golden statue which King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.6Whoever does not fall down and worship shall be instantly cast into a white-hot furnace.”7Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, pipe, zither, dulcimer, harp, double-flute, and all the other musical instruments, the nations and peoples of

every language all fell down and worshiped the golden statue which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

8At that point, some of the Chaldeans came and accused the Jews⁹to King Nebuchadnezzar: “O king, live forever!¹⁰O king, you issued a decree that everyone who heard the sound of the horn, pipe, zither, dulcimer, harp, and double-flute, and all the other musical instruments should fall down and worship the golden statue;¹¹ whoever did not was to be cast into a white-hot furnace.¹² There are certain Jews whom you have made administrators of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have paid no attention to you; they will not serve your god or worship the golden statue which you set up.”

¹³Nebuchadnezzar flew into a rage and sent for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who were promptly brought before the king.¹⁴ King Nebuchadnezzar questioned them: “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you will not serve my god, or worship the golden statue that I set up?¹⁵ Now, if you are ready to fall down and worship the statue I made, whenever you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, zither, dulcimer, harp, double-flute, and all the other musical instruments, then all will be well;* if not, you shall be instantly cast into the white-hot furnace; and who is the God who can deliver you out of my hands?”¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, “There is no need for us to defend ourselves before you in this matter.¹⁷ If our God, whom we serve, can save us from the white-hot furnace and from your hands, O king, may he save us!¹⁸ But even if he will not, you should know, O king, that we will not serve your god or worship the golden statue which you set up.”

¹⁹Nebuchadnezzar’s face became livid with utter rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace to be heated seven times more than usual²⁰ and had some of the strongest men in his army bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and cast them into the white-hot furnace.²¹ They were bound and cast into the white-hot furnace with their trousers, shirts, hats and other garments,²² for the king’s order was urgent. So huge a fire was kindled in the furnace that the flames devoured the men who threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into it.²³ But these three fell, bound, into the midst of the white-hot furnace.

Prayer of Azariah. ²⁴They walked about in the flames, singing to God and blessing the Lord.²⁵ Azariah stood up in the midst of the fire and prayed aloud:

²⁶“Blessed are you, and praiseworthy,

O Lord, the God of our ancestors,

and glorious forever is your name.

²⁷For you are just in all you have done;

all your deeds are faultless, all your ways right,

and all your judgments proper.
28 You have executed proper judgments
in all that you have brought upon us
and upon Jerusalem, the holy city of our ancestors.

By a proper judgment you have done all this

because of our sins;
29 For we have sinned and transgressed

by departing from you,

and we have done every kind of evil.

30 Your commandments we have not heeded or observed,

nor have we done as you ordered us for our good.

31 Therefore all you have brought upon us,

all you have done to us,

you have done by a proper judgment.

32 You have handed us over to our enemies,

lawless and hateful rebels;

to an unjust king, the worst in all the world.

33 Now we cannot open our mouths;

shame and reproach have come upon us,

your servants, who revere you.

34 For your name's sake, do not deliver us up forever,

or make void your covenant.

35 Do not take away your mercy from us,

for the sake of Abraham, your beloved,

Isaac your servant, and Israel your holy one,

36 To whom you promised to multiply their offspring

like the stars of heaven,

or the sand on the shore of the sea.

37For we are reduced, O Lord, beyond any other nation,

brought low everywhere in the world this day

because of our sins.

38We have in our day no prince, prophet, or leader,

no burnt offering, sacrifice, oblation, or incense,

no place to offer first fruits, to find favor with you.

39But with contrite heart and humble spirit

let us be received;

As though it were burnt offerings of rams and bulls,

or tens of thousands of fat lambs,

40So let our sacrifice be in your presence today

and find favor before you;

for those who trust in you cannot be put to shame.

41And now we follow you with our whole heart,

we fear you and we seek your face.

Do not put us to shame,

42but deal with us in your kindness and great mercy.

43Deliver us in accord with your wonders,

and bring glory to your name, O Lord:

44Let all those be put to shame

who inflict evils on your servants;

Let them be shamed and powerless,

and their strength broken;

45Let them know that you alone are the Lord God,

glorious over the whole world.”

46Now the king’s servants who had thrown them in continued to stoke the furnace with

naphtha, pitch, tow, and brush.47The flames rose forty-nine cubits above the

furnace,⁴⁸and spread out, burning the Chaldeans that it caught around the furnace.⁴⁹But the angel of the Lord went down into the furnace with Azariah and his companions, drove the fiery flames out of the furnace,⁵⁰and made the inside of the furnace as though a dew-laden breeze were blowing through it. The fire in no way touched them or caused them pain or harm.⁵¹Then these three in the furnace with one voice sang, glorifying and blessing God:

52“Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors,

praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;

And blessed is your holy and glorious name,

praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

53Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,

praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

54Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,

praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

55Blessed are you who look into the depths

from your throne upon the cherubim,

praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

56Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven,

praiseworthy and glorious forever.

57Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord,

praise and exalt him above all forever.

58Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord,

praise and exalt him above all forever.

59You heavens, bless the Lord,

praise and exalt him above all forever.

60All you waters above the heavens, bless the Lord,

praise and exalt him above all forever.

61All you powers, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

62Sun and moon, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.
63 Stars of heaven, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.
64 Every shower and dew, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.
65 All you winds, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.
66 Fire and heat, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.
67 Cold and chill, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.
68 Dew and rain, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.
69 Frost and chill, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.
70 Hoarfrost and snow, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.
71 Nights and days, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.
72 Light and darkness, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.
73 Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.
74 Let the earth bless the Lord,

praise and exalt him above all forever.
75 Mountains and hills, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.
76 Everything growing on earth, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

77 You springs, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

78 Seas and rivers, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

79 You sea monsters and all water creatures, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

80 All you birds of the air, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

81 All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

82 All you mortals, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

83 O Israel, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

84 Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

85 Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

86 Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

87 Holy and humble of heart, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

88 Hananiah, Azariah, Mishaël, bless the Lord;

praise and exalt him above all forever.

For he has delivered us from Sheol,

and saved us from the power of death;

He has freed us from the raging flame

and delivered us from the fire.

89 Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,

whose mercy endures forever.

90 Bless the God of gods, all you who fear the Lord;

praise and give thanks,

for his mercy endures forever.”

Deliverance from the Furnace. 91 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was startled and rose in haste, asking his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” “Certainly, O king,” they answered.