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Please memorize this portion

Psalms 77:1-11

- 1. I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.
- 2. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.
- 3. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was over-whelmed. Selah.
- 4. Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
- 5. I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.
- 6. I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.
- 7. Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?
- 8. Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?
- 9. Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.
- 10. And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High.
- 11. I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

THE LORD WILL BLESS YOU ALSO!

By the God of your father who will help you, and by the Almighty who will bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and the womb.

- Genesis 49:25.

(The Lord's message given through Pastor S. Abraham during the 54th Anniversary Celebration of Echo of His Call Ministries)

In Genesis 49, the Lord has revealed the blessings given by our forefather Jacob to each of his 12 sons, before he died.

The name 'Joseph' means multiplication. The verse quoted above (Genesis 49:25), is the blessing given to Joseph. In this blessing we can see four types of blessings:

- (i) The blessings from heaven,
- (ii) The blessings that come from deep below,
- (iii) The blessings related to the mother who feeds her children,
- (iv) The blessings related to the womb of the mother, which is capable of producing many generations, though the mother experiences great pain at the time of the birth of the child.

1. Heavenly blessings!

The blessings that come from heaven are of great excellence. Every child of God must receive this blessing. When our forefather Isaac blessed his son he gave the heavenly blessings first: "Therefore may God give you of the dew of heaven, of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine." Genesis 27:28. According to this blessing, the Lord God also gave Jacob, everything mentioned by Isaac. In Genesis 1:1 we read, In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. So the Bible points out that it was the 'heavens' that was

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"The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace." - **Numbers** 6:26



Dearly beloved friends in Christ Jesus,

We greet you with love in the marvelous name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

By the abundant mercy of God the end of the year 2022 is fast approaching. The people around the world are preparing themselves and eagerly waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and the dawn of the New Year 2023. Being spiritual people, we should use these days seriously in spiritual ways. We should involve ourselves in fervent prayer and real ministries of God.

Prayer and ministry are two sides of a coin. We see a lot people busy in God's ministry but forsake their prayer schedule. This will result in spiritual fatigue and backsliding.

I am sharing below a brief thought written by hand that God gave me this morning, with you.

Fellowship among people sometimes brings some bitter emotions. We are not perfect people but we are being transformed every day towards perfection. God uses people to refine us and change us if we are open to the Holy Spirit. But people who pray always will give no room for wrath and doubt.

The presence of bickering and squabbling is due to the absence of prayer. A prayerless person is a source of one of the two things, viz., strife or backsliding. Paul knowing clearly the challenges and troubles that would brew in fellowship, made a strict law for the Church that men should pray without ceasing. Timothy was given the responsibility to handle this issue. When the apostles were handling things in the early Church with less time for prayer, they saw trouble, dissatisfaction and strife brewing. They immediately diagnosed the cause – absence of prayer. When they made necessary arrangements for prayer, again the sweetness of fellowship continued (Acts 6:4).



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When prayer fails, holiness fails. Sins of all sorts come in – lust of eyes, lust of flesh and pride of life come and cause disaster to personal salvation and to the Leaders of our ministry in Chennai for fellowship and Body of Christ at large. There is no satisfaction. Complaining, grumbling, faultfinding, criticism and condemnation grow. These are the bitter fruits of prayerlessness. Doubt will give way to agonizing ends. All these happen when people fail in prayer. Fellowship fails as a result of prayerlessness. Prayer is the lifeblood that produces the fruit of the spirit.

Special Programme for our key leaders

We had a special get-together of the Key prayer on the 12th of September 2022 from 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. God blessed it. Brethren, pray for us. (1 Thessalonians 5:25).

God bless you.

Your servants in Christ Jesus, Pr. S. Sam Selva Raj & Alex Samson Sam.

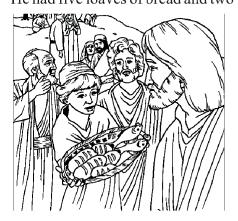
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created first. God gave the 'heavens' great importance. When Abraham doubted about the promise God gave him, the Lord took him outside and asked him to look up to heaven.



Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." Genesis 15:5. When we get weary in this worldly life, our sorrows will turn into joy because of the heavenly blessings God points to us. A little boy came to Jesus Christ. He had five loaves of bread and two



fish. When that food was placed in 11:39). The Bible says in John the hands of Lord Jesus Christ, it satisfied the hunger of more than 5000 people. How did the food from a small boy feed so many hungry people? How did this miracle happen? Is it not because Jesus Christ lifted the food toward heaven and obtained the blessings of heaven?

Jesus Christ had the habit of looking up to heaven often in His ministry. The blessings of heaven will bring down power from the heavenly abode where God lives. It was because of the glory of the heavenly blessing, the food that was just enough for a small boy could become so powerful that it satisfied the hunger of thousands of people.

Let us see another incident that proves the glory of heaven. Once the people brought a deaf and dumb man to Jesus Christ. In Mark 7:33,34 we read, And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha" that is "Be opened." When Lazarus got sick, they invited Jesus Christ to heal him. But Jesus Christ didn't come to see Lazarus when he was sick or even when he died. He arrived at his place four days after Lazarus died. Though Lazarus was Jesus Christ's beloved friend, he came to his tomb when the body of Lazarus had already started stinking (John

11:41, 42, ... And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me ... "Thus, after obtaining the blessings and power from heavens, He cried with a loud "Lazarus, come forth!" voice, John 11:43. Then Lazarus whose body was decaying as he was dead for four days, came out alive. The magnitude of any problem is not an issue for Jesus. He is bigger than any problem as He is an Almighty and All Powerful God. heavenly blessing that brings down the power of our Lord God is greater than any problem. Moreover, it grants the Kingdom of God to all who sincerely believe. When the people of Israel were in Rephidim, they contended with Moses regarding drinking water. At that time Moses looked up and cried out to the Lord (Exodus 17:1-4). In that dry area, the heavenly blessing came down in a wonderful manner and water gushed out of the rock.

(Exodus 17:5-6).

When Jacob left Beersheba to go towards Haran, he stayed in a place like a homeless nomad. There was no bed or pillow. He used a stone as a pillow. He slept there knowing nothing about his future. He was a beginner in the knowledge of life and he was in a great mental stress. There he had a dream: ... A ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to

heaven; and there the angels of flame of fire; His feet were like God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the Lord stood above it...

Genesis 28:12,13.

A servant of God construct ed a Church with 5000 seating capacity, with all his savings and offerings given by people. Within a few months a great storm hit the Church which he had constructed amidst several problems, and the building collapsed. When he praised God, even though he was in terrible pain, many people mocked at him. In this troublesome situation, some people approached him and asked, "Can you preach in our Church?" He accepted their request thinking it might comfort him. For many months he was involved in preaching ministry Since the people there. experienced the glory of the Lord when he preached, many of them started attending the services. Several people received the New life. While he started to preach to a crowd of nearly two lakhs of people there, he heard the soft voice of the Lord very clearly. As he was listening to God joyfully, the Lord told him, "You are not wanted just for 5000 people. I destroyed your earlier Church because I wanted to use you for lakhs of people."

The Lord destroyed the nest, so that the bird could learn to fly on its own and hunt its food by itself. What ladder did Jacob see in his dream? At the top of the ladder he saw the Lord. In order to learn about that ladder, let us turn, to John 1:51: And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." That ladder is Jesus Christ Himself. Jesus Christ is the ladder through which your prayers are taken to God the Father, and bring down His answers. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a

fine brass as if refined in a furnace ... He had in his right hand seven stars ... Revelation 1:14-16. Jesus Christ whose face was like a bright shining sun becomes like a ladder for us and He is with us always and protects us never forsaking us. In Job 9:11 we read, "If He goes by me, I do not see Him; if He moves past, I do not perceive Him." When He abides with us, He is ready to give us blessings, we fail to realize that.

2. Blessings of the Earth!

When we receive the heavenly blessings, He provides the earthly blessings along with that. The blessings of the earth are



very important. And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God. Exodus 31:18. After Moses received the heavenly blessings, he brought the law of the Lord written in the tablet of stone, which is the blessing of the earth, from Mount Sinai. This blessing of the earth was required to lead the people, show the way to the children and to support the family. Since Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people made Aaron to make a molded calf and started to worship it. When Moses saw it, he was very upset and in great anger, he threw the tablets of stone down and broke them. It is not enough that we receive only the heavenly and spiritual blessings. We need to have the blessings of the earth also. This blessing will remove the pain, mental stress and sorrows. also helps us to receive worldly blessings. This blessing also comes from God. We must surely receive this earthly blessing. We

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(Please take this sheet out, fold it and keep it in your Bible and pray continuously)



†PRAISE GOD FOR...

- November 19 ⇒ The growth of our Bible Correspondence Course and Theological Correspondence Course.
- November 20 ⇒ Our Prayer Partners, Subscribing Partners, Faith Partners, Life Partners, Great Commission Partners, and their families.
- November 21 ⇒ Enabling us to print and publish our magazine in 16 languages in our printing press and send them to the mission fields.
- Meeting all our needs in the November 22 \Rightarrow month of October.
- November 23 ⇒ The miracles of God in our Hospital Ministry.
- November 24 ⇒ Our Main Church and Branch Churches and its believers.
- November 25 ⇒ Our St. Paul's Matriculation School's Principal, Teachers and other Staff members.
- November 26 ⇒ Our Senior Pastor for his commitment to propagate the gospel through multifarious ministries.
- November 27 \Rightarrow Having blessed our Church with new believers.
- Blessing our organization with November 28 ⇒ new employees.
- Blessing the leaders' get-November 29 ⇒ together held on 12.09.2022.
- November 30 ⇒ Blessing the prayer meeting of all Church believers from Chepauk held on 30.09.2022.
- December 01 ⇒ Blessing all our staff members and their families.
- Our Associate Editors and their December 02 ⇒ co-operation.
- Our Sunday Services and December 03 ⇒ Ministry, at the Main Church and Branch Churches to spread the gospel to the unreached groups.

†PLEASE PRAY FOR.

- December 04 ⇒ Unity and peace of all nations.
- December 05 ⇒ Our St. Paul's Matriculation School and Nehemiah Bible College staff members and students.
- December 06 ⇒ Our Echo of His Call Associate Editors and their families.
- December 07 ⇒ Keeping our staff and printers safe and healthy in our premises all through their work hours.
- December 08 ⇒ The good health of our Nehemiah Bible College residential students.
- December 09 ⇒ Publishing Echo of His Call magazine in Sindhi, Konkani and Manipuri.
- December 10 ⇒ Recruiting suitable employees for our organization.
- December 11 ⇒ The removal of suicidal spirit among the youth.
- December 12 ⇒ The benefit of all the members of our Main Church and Branch Churches.
- December 13 ⇒ God to meet out our needs for this month.
- December 14 ⇒ Our Partners in the ministerial activities and State Coordinators of our Echo of His Call.
- December 15 ⇒ Our ministerial expansions and worldwide propagation of the gospel.
- The safety of all women and December 16 ⇒ children all over the World.
- December 17 ⇒ The success of our Senior Pastor in writing his autobiography.
- The safety of our Senior Pastor December 18 ⇒ S. Sam Selva Raj and his family members from all sorts of evil forces.

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can use this blessing to our people, our children and our family and lead them. Many families are caught in great trouble as they have not received this blessing. Thinking that heavenly blessing alone is enough, many people reject earthly blessings and break down what God has given them. So, they live in sorrow.

Job lost all his earthly blessings in just one day. He lost 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, his own sons, daughters and servants the same day. Job knew that his Lord God could give back in double, what he has lost. believed that He would never forsake him. Though we may lose the earthly blessing because of the trials given by Satan, God is able to give us in double. "... I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, ... I have named you, though you have not known me." (Isaiah 45:2-4).

And the Lord said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke." Exodus 34:1

If you have broken either the Promise of God or earthly blessings, please understand that God is ready to give it back to you. Act in faith. God will surely meet your needs.

3. Blessings of the Breasts!

Blessings of the Breasts denote the mother who raises children. Joseph obtained the blessing of the breasts and of the womb. In 2 Kings 4:8 we read about the woman of Shunem, who was well respected. She had the habit of serving the servants of God. She built an upper room and



made the servants stay there. She met all their needs, ..."Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What can I do for you?"... 2 Kings 4:13 asked Elisha. From this we understand that she took care of the servants of God very well. Jesus Christ said to His disciples, "For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). Heaven recognizes what service you offer to the servants of God. Who are the servants of God? They struggle for the betterment of your soul and spirit. They pray that you become successful in your life. They report about you to God in heaven. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" Psalm 23:1. The rod that is in the hand of the shepherd is helpful in bringing down the tender leaves, so that the sheep can eat them. When the sheep finish eating the grass on the ground, the rod of the shepherd is used to pull down the tender leaves from the trees. This is the blessing of the breasts. Just like a mother feeds her child with milk from her breasts, the servants of God bring the blessings of the Lord and pass them to the people. Thus we must receive the blessed blessings of the breasts from the servants of God.

"... But Hannah had no children." 1 Samuel 1:2. "... because the Lord had closed her womb." 1 Samuel 1:6. These verses tell us that it was the Lord who had closed her womb. She prayed to the Lord and made a vow that if the Lord would give her a male child, she would give him

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back to the Lord all the days of his

- 1. 'Conceiving a child' means 'Accepting the vision of God' -This alone is not important.
- 2. The child should be born This means we should be result oriented in receiving the Lord's vision.
- 3. Then you have to raise the child - Once you receive the vision of the Lord, you have to raise the vision and put it into action very carefully.

The servants of God should not be like some mothers who throw their new born baby in the dustbin. By preaching the gospel we may create the vision of God in others. But soon after they receive it, we can't just leave them alone. We have to raise those souls in spirit, in the Word and in Truth. In Genesis 21:8 we find that Abraham's child grew and was weaned. It was after the child was weaned, Abraham gave a great feast. After a person in the Church received a vision, the servants of God must guide him to receive the spiritual truth and grow in it. Just as a mother feeds milk to her children to make them grow, the servants of God who have received the blessing of the breasts, must stand in the power of the Holy Spirit and pass it on to the Church and the people and help them grow. God's Church must be built strong. ... The gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. Mathew 16:18. God's people should be planted in God's Church. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our **God.** Psalm 92:13.

The Blessings of the Womb!

... When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the Lord. And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm. He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him: then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. 2 Kings 4:32-35.

This is also a blessing received by the people through the servants of God. Just as a mother painfully brings forth a child, the servants of God receive God's power and activate it by preaching the gospel to the people, help them grow and encourage them to bring other people also to the Church and thus establish more Churches. The role of the servants of God in this is important. Whatever command they receive from God must be carried out without fail to the people and to the Church. They should also protect God's commands.

When we get God's call to serve Him, we should accept it and not backslide. Thomas, the disciple of Jesus Christ, came to India all on his own, even though he didn't know anything about the language or the culture of India. He could reveal God's power through his faith. Because of his dedicated service, God's glory was revealed.

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(Life experiences of Pastor S. Sam Selva Raj)

"Whoever reads, let him understand" (Matthew 24:15)



GOD IS SUFFICIENT!

...those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. Psalm 34:10

From the year 1969, when we started **Echo of His Call Ministries**, we were in need of finance for our multifarious ministries. We needed money to pay the salary for the workers, printing papers, postal stamps, telephone charges, electricity charges, rent for the buildings, transport, charity etc.

Personally speaking, my Lord Jesus Christ is sufficient for me. I have never knocked at any body's door or office till date expecting money. I have neither approached my church members nor my friends for financial help. But till now, the Lord who has called me meets all my needs in time in His own way miraculously.

He has made everything beautiful in its time... Ecclesiastes 3:11.

During times of wants and difficulties, I make it a habit to look at such situations as 'my time to bear', 'time when God compels me to pray', and a 'time to have a better relationship with God in prayer'. I have enjoyed great miracles after these experiences. In such situations, God has raised various people, unknown to me to help me. Several times God has fed me and my family through strangers!

In 1975, I had to pay Indian Rupees 300 to Bapuji Press, where our magazine Echo of His Call was printed. Since I had no money in my hand, there was a delay in that payment. One particular Thursday, I told the Manager of that press that I would pay the money on the next Monday. But I had no source of income to receive that money. If I failed to pay the money, I wouldn't be able to publish **Echo of His Call** magazine for that month and to face many consequences from the Government which troubled me a lot. I prayed to God about my need and remained in peace. I didn't get the required money till the next Sunday.

On Monday morning, when I opened my mail box at the Post Office I found an envelope from Nagalapuram, a small village that lies between Madurai and Tuticorin in South India. There was a Bank Demand Draft (which was not crossed) for Rupees 300 inside the envelope. That money was enough for my need for that day. God enabled me to

pay the money due to the press as per my promise. Glory to God!

After many years, I went to meet that person at Nagalapuram Village. To my surprise, I realized that he was a poor Cobbler.



He was very happy to see me. He said, "Sir, that particular Thursday, I felt someone speaking to my heart, persuading me to send Rupees 300 which was the only amount I had at that time to **Echo of His Call Ministries**. So I sent that money on Friday and you got it on Monday."

Thus the Lord Jesus Christ performs miracles in my life. Even though we have no permanent financial support, Jesus Christ meets all our needs through such unknown people.

Yes, it is indeed a difficult path! Yet, I am able to witness the greatness of God's glory every day. The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Psalm 23:1.

Whoever is wise will observe these things... Psalms 107:43.

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People repented in flocks. It is mentioned that 30 lakhs of people repented. Out of them 7 Lakhs of people are in ministry by God's If these people work grace. properly, we can imagine how many people would repent and become God's children. To achieve this, we need the blessing of the womb. Like a mother delivers her baby in pain we can also make people repent only if we are sincere and dedicated in our Call to His ministry.

2 Kings 4:18 talks about a son who goes to his father who was with the reapers. The child should grow and serve the father. Likewise, when the Church or the servants of God or the members of the Church grow, they should also serve others. And he said to his father, "My head, my head!" So he said to a servant, "Carry him to his mother." 2 Kings 4:19. Just as a child falls sick, the servants of God and the believers may face problems in their prayer life, ministry or in coming to the Church. We should not ignore such problems. This is a disease we should not neglect. If neglected it might cause spiritual death. In this incident, it happened like that. The child died on the mother's knees. If we face spiritual death in our ministry or in our spiritual endeavours, we need to go to the Church and come to our Lord God. The mother alone can save the child. When we go to the Church, the Lord, who is our mother, will surely save us. Those who are dead can't do anything to God and they cannot shine for Him.

In Ezekiel 47:3-5 we read that one thousand cubits were measured to go through the waters. At that time the water was up to the ankles. Then again another 1000 cubits were measured, the water was up to the knees. Again another 1000 cubits were measured and the water was up to the waist. Again when another 1000 cubits were

measured, the water was like a river and the prophet could not cross it. Why did God measure it little by little? The reason is, only if we cross what God has given us properly, the next blessing will be measured and given. So, what God reveals here is, when we use what God gives us properly, the next blessing will come to us. Only when we look after our Church properly or do properly whatever ministry God has given us, we will receive God's blessings abundantly and we can see a great growth in that.

In Numbers 16:36-38 we read this: Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Tell Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, to pick up the censers out of the blaze, for they are holy, and scatter the fire some distance away. The censers of these men who sinned against their own souls, let them be made into hammered plates as a covering for the altar. Because they presented them before the Lord, therefore they are holy; and they shall be a sign to the children of Israel."

The box, the lampstands and the altar will remain in the same place at the tabernacle. But the censers will be held in the hands of the priest and will go wherever the priest goes. Now, the censers got stuck in an unwanted place. The censers that should come up to the Holy place, but here we find it at the The Lord had outer court. commanded that the censers could be made as hammered plates that could cover the altar. We must realize that our spiritual growth should reach Heaven and not stop on the way. We should not be satisfied with some specific spiritual experience we have got. We should continue to grow spiritually and serve God so that we enter into His kingdom.

In 2 Kings 4:21-35, we find that, in order to raise the dead child a donkey, a servant, the mother, the

servant of God and his assistant tried their best. These five persons can be compared to the Evangelists, Apostles, Prophets, Pastors and Teachers. These are the prime people who would give us the blessings of the womb. Three people were used to go to Elisha, the man of God. Then the fourth person Gehazi, the assistant to the prophet Elisha tried to revive the dead child through the rod of Elisha. Since he failed to raise him up, they took the child to Elisha.

... When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and praved to the Lord. And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm. He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eves. 2 Kings 4:32-35.

In order to save the child, Elisha had to try various methods, walked here and there and finally raised the child alive. His efforts can be compared to that of a mother who delivers her child with great pain and effort.

Likewise, the servants of God have to endure pain, just like the mother who delivers her baby. They have to struggle so that the people's spiritual life is not destroyed.

The dust that was blocking the child's respiratory system was removed when the child sneezed seven times. The servants of God also shouldn't mind the hard work they put in for the people and pass on the blessings of the womb to the people.

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