

*Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of virtuous wife is the radiance of her home. (Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16)*

## A Reading from the Book of Sirach

Blessed the husband of a good wife,  
twice-lengthened are his days;  
A worthy wife brings joy to her husband,  
peaceful and full is his life.

A good wife is a generous gift  
bestowed upon him who fears the Lord; Be he rich or poor, his heart is  
content, and a smile is ever on his face.

A gracious wife delights her husband,  
her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones; A gift from the Lord is her  
governed speech,  
and her firm virtue is a surpassing worth.  
Choicest of blessings is a modest wife,  
priceless her chaste soul.

A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace; indeed, no price is worthy  
of her temperate soul.

Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens,  
the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

## The word of the Lord