

Main thought: This beautiful psalm expresses the LORD's blessing on His people, in family, church, and community. What we build is destined to fall, but what God builds is forever. The house built on the rock of God's word will stand.

Psalm 127

**Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.
It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.
Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

Prayer

For the benefit of man, You, Father of mercies, instituted holy wedlock, and have promised Your blessing to every house in which dwells Your fear. Yes, even You sit at the fireside of them that love You, as at Your own hearth and home. Cause Your peace to dwell under our roof, and bless the labors of our hands. Amen.