

## **Psalm 8<sup>iii</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>O lord our Governor, \* how exalted is your Name in all the world! ***(O Love, my Beloved, how powerful is your Name in all the earth!)***

<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of infants and children \* your majesty is praised above the heavens. ***(You, whose glory is sung in heaven by the angels and saints, who with the innocence and spontaneity of the child,)***

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \* to quell the enemy and the avenger. ***(You confounded those who are mighty and proud, You comfort the unloving and the fearful.)***

<sup>4</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \* the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, ***(When I look up to the heavens, at the work of Love's creation, at the infinite variety of your Plan,)***

<sup>5</sup>What is man that you should be mindful of him? \* the son of man that you should seek him out? ***(What is woman that You rejoice in her, and man that you do delight in him?)***

<sup>6</sup>You have made him but little lower than the angels; \* you adorn him with glory and honor; ***(You made him in your image, you fill us with your love;)***

<sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \* you put all things under his feet:

<sup>8</sup>All sheep and oxen, \* even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>9</sup>The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \* and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea. ***(You have made us co-creators of the earth! Guardians of the planet! To care for all creatures to tend the land, the sea, and the air we breathe; all that you have made you have placed in our hands)***

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<sup>iii</sup> **About the Psalm: Psalm 8**

This psalm is a hymn to God's glory and the God-given dignity of humans. The psalmist marvels at God's sovereignty, is awestruck at God's handiwork and humbled by humanity's place within God's creation. As humanity fulfills this unexpected gift and privilege, God's glory is revealed.