*FIRST READING*

**A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel**

*Daniel 12:1-3*

I, Daniel, mourned and I heard this word of the

Lord:

"At that time there shall arise Michael, the great

prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time

unsurpassed in distress since nations began until

that time. At that time your people shall escape,

everyone who is found written in the book. Many of

those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall

awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an

everlasting horror and disgrace.

But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of

the firmament, and those who lead the many to

justice shall be like the stars forever.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**THANKS BE TO GOD**