**Texts and Origin**

The Prayer and accompanying Song are not found in the Hebrew/Aramaic text of the Book of Daniel, nor are they cited in any extant ancient Jewish writings. However, the passage does appear in certain ancient witnesses, notably the Greek, Syriac, and Latin.

The origins of these writings are obscure. Whether the accounts were originally composed in Hebrew (or Aramaic) or in Greek is uncertain, although many modern scholars[*[who?](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AAvoid_weasel_words%22%20%5Co%20%22Wikipedia%3AAvoid%20weasel%20words)*] conclude on the basis of textual evidence that there was probably an original Semitic edition. The date of composition of these documents is also uncertain, although many scholars favor a date either in the second or first century B.C.

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| http://www.factbites.com/images/a.gif |  | **Three** sections are preserved only in the [Septuagint](http://www.factbites.com/topics/Septuagint), and are considered [apocryphal](http://www.factbites.com/topics/Apocrypha) by [Protestant](http://www.factbites.com/topics/Protestant) Christians and Jews, and deuterocanonical by Catholic and Orthodox Christians.  |
| http://www.factbites.com/images/a.gif |  | The **Prayer** of **Azariah** and **Song** of the **Three** **Holy** **Children** are retained in the [Septuagint](http://www.factbites.com/topics/Septuagint) and in the Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and Catholic [canons](http://www.factbites.com/topics/Biblical-canon); the **"Song** of the **Three** **Holy** Youths" is part of the Matins service in Orthodoxy, and of Lauds on Sundays and feast days in Catholicism.  |
| http://www.factbites.com/images/a.gif |  | As mentioned above, the **prayer** of **Azariah** and the **Song** of the **Three** **Children** from the deuterocanonical parts of [Daniel](http://www.factbites.com/topics/Book-of-Daniel) are widely used in Orthodox and Catholic **prayer**. |
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**Text of the "Song of the Three Holy Children"**

The following is the text of the "Song of the Three Holy Children" from the 1611 edition of the King James Bible, with spelling modernized:

Then the three, as out of one mouth, praised, glorified, and blessed God in the furnace, saying:

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

And blessed is thy glorious and holy Name: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the Temple of thine holy glory: and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the Cherubims, and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious Throne of thy kingdom: and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: and above all to be praised and glorified for ever.

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O all ye waters that be above the heaven, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O all ye winds, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye dews and storms of snow, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye ice and cold, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye frost and snow, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye mountains and little hills, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O all ye things that grow on the earth, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye fountains, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye seas and rivers, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O Israel bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord, praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord, praise and exalt him above all for ever: for he hath delivered us from hell, and saved us from the hand of death, and delivered us out of the midst of the furnace, and burning flame: even out of the midst of the fire hath he delivered vs.

O give thanks unto the Lord, because he is gracious: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O all ye that worship the Lord, bless the God of gods, praise him, and give him thanks: for his mercy endureth for ever.