

## Isaiah 43:1-7

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading for January 12, 2025

*(found on page 672 of the Old Testament in our pew Bibles)*

- 1 But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.
- 3 For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- 4 Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.
- 5 Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;
- 6 I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- 7 everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."