

# A Queer Blessing

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Blessed be God.

Blessed be God's many names and faces.

Blessed be God in the whispering breeze and the blazing flame.

Blessed be God the mother, who gave birth to the world, and  
who never fails to listen to the cries of her children.

Blessed be God the father, who adorns himself in glory and  
radiance.

Blessed be God beyond all genders: God the mother, father, and  
parent, whose name is simply "I am who I am."

Blessed be our father Jacob, who wrestles with an angel all night  
for a blessing.

Blessed be our mother Hagar, who sees God in the desert in  
times of desperation.

Blessed be the prophets Elijah and Elisha, who swore to one  
another the oath of love, "as long as the Lord lives, and as you  
yourself live, I will not leave you."

Blessed be Mary and Martha, partners and sisters, who rested by one another,  
loving one another from death to resurrection.

Blessed be Jesus in the poor, in the marginalized, and in the forgotten queer  
names and faces.

Blessed be the queer spirits, the queer angels, the queer saints, and the queer  
ancestors, whose intercessions and blessings instill a love within us  
that transgresses all and consumes all.

Blessed are you:

you who resist, you who love,  
you who desire, you who struggle.

and blessed am I,

and blessed are we, children of God,

now and forever,

Amen.