PSALM 67
Harvest Prayer that All Men May Worship God

1 For the leader; with stringed instruments. A psalm; a song.

I
2† May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us.
3 So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.
4† May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!

II
5 May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.
6 May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!

III
7 The earth has yielded its fruits; God, our God, has blessed us.
8 May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

* 67, 2: Nm 6, 24f.
† Ps. 67: The refrain (4.6 and perhaps originally after 8) calls on all the nations of the earth to praise the Lord, because he blesses Israel (2f), governs all peoples wisely (5), and bestows an abundant harvest (7). Israel’s hope of seeing the Lord acknowledged as the only God by all the nations was based on, and found its sole fulfillment in, the promise of the Messiah. Cf Gn 12, 2f.
67, 2: These words are similar to the priestly blessing of Nm 6, 22-27.
67, 4.6: Praise: the Hebrew means more exactly, “give grateful praise”; hence, according to the context, it is often translated, “give thanks.”