

**READING 39** *In Ovid's account of the great flood sent by Jupiter (cf. Ch. 7, Reading 5), he describes what the husband (Deucalion) says to his wife (Pyrrha) about their situation as the flood's only survivors.*

“namque ego (crēde mihi), sī tē quoque pontus habēret,

tē sequerer, coniunx, et mē quoque pontus habēret.

ō utinam possim populōs reparāre **paternīs**

artibus atque animās **fōrmātae** īfundere terrae!

nunc genus in nōbīs restat mortāle duōbus.

sic vīsum superīs: hominumque exempla manēmus.”

*Vocabulary:*

namque  
reparō, -āre  
paternus, -a, -um  
anima, -ae *f.*  
fōrmō, -āre, -āvī,  
-ātus

certainly; for; now  
to restore, recover  
father's, paternal  
breath (of life)  
to form, fashion,  
mold

īfundō,  
-ere (+ dat.)  
restō, -āre  
vīsum (est)

to pour into  
to remain, be left  
to seem best