Prayers of the Faithful for Weddings

(also called Intercessions or Intentions)

Sample Prayers

(Options may be selected from the following petitions, or you may use the "Sets" below—or mix and match!)

1. For N. and N., that their love for each other may continue to grow in the peace of Christ.

2. For N. and N. who now celebrate with us their joy and gratitude in receiving God's gift of love in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony; that they may grow old together by sharing life's joys, struggles and challenges in order to become better persons and Christians. May the blessings of the Lord guide them through their lives as husband and wife.

3. For all married couples here today, that, witnessing N. and N. making their commitment of love, they renew their love for one another.

4. For the parents of N. and N., that they may be an example of love to their children.

5. For the parents of N. and N. who have given much of themselves to raise their children in the way God had intended, that he may bless them with good health and peace of mind.

6. For the family, relatives and friends of N. and N., who have been there to support them through the years. Bless them with God's love and peace always. We pray that God may grant them the happiness that they seek.

7. For all that are gathered here today to celebrate with N. and N., especially those who have traveled a great distance; that God will bless them and watch over them.

8. For all gathered for this celebration: may the joy of this day inspire our loving efforts and enrich the lives of our own family and friends.

9. For the deceased relatives and friends of N. and N., that God may shower them with eternal love.

10. For our loved ones who have gone ahead of us, that they may find eternal rest and happiness in the heavenly kingdom.

11. For the Holy Church and her leaders, Pope Leo, our Bishop N., and all our bishops, clergy and religious, that by their words and witness, they may continue to build God's kingdom of justice, peace and unity.

12. For the leaders of the Church: may the Pope and bishops so build up our Church that it will become the living sacrament of God's transforming presence in the world.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL – SET 1

Priest: Now that we have heard God's word in the Bible and experienced the Lord's presence in this exchange of vows, let us present these prayerful petitions for people in the world today.

Reader: For our Holy Father on earth, Francis, all the bishops and the clergy everywhere, that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others.
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our all leaders of government that they may be effective in achieving peace and eliminating poverty.
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who strive to witness to love in their lives, that they may continue to give, be able to forgive, and find happiness deepen with the passing of each day.
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For N. and N., now beginning their life together, that they may have divine assistance at every moment, the constant support of family and friends, the rich blessing of children, a warm love reaching out to others, and good health until a ripe old age.
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are sick, lonely, discouraged, or oppressed, that they may be strengthened by God's help and aided by their friends.
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who have died, especially (names of your relatives and friends you wish to remember), that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life.
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For these personal needs which we mention now in silence...(pause).

Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader stays at the ambo while the priest prays the concluding prayer. The reader returns to his/her seat after the assembly says, "Amen."

Priest: O ever living and caring God,
Jesus taught us to ask, to seek, and to knock.
We have just done so, confident that you will now look upon our many needs,
consider our trusting faith
and in your great love
grant these requests which we present to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL – SET 2

Priest: We have listened to the word of God. Let us now ask God to listen to us, to bless our words of prayer which we offer for the people of the world.

Reader: For leaders of Church and state;
for heads of institutions, for heads of homes and households….
that they will lead us and guide us
in the search for God and the good life,
in the search for peace and joy,
in the search for love among us ---
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all married people:
for those who married yesterday,
for the new couple N and N., married today,
for those who will marry tomorrow….
that they may savor the joy of being together,
warm love, and children, a long life, wine, and friends,
and a new day, every day---
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are sick, lonely, discouraged, or oppressed,
for the sick in body, mind, and spirit….
that they be strengthened by God's help,
and aided by their friends---
Lord, hear us. All: Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who have died,
especially the relatives and friends of N. and N.,
and of all present for this wedding….
that they may enjoy perfect happiness,
and total fulfillment in eternal life---
Lord, hear us. All: Lord, graciously hear us.

For those personal needs which we mention now in silence (PAUSE) ---
Lord, hear us. All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Reader stays at the ambo while the priest prays the concluding prayer.
The reader returns to his/her seat after the assembly says, "Amen."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL – SET 3

(for a celebration without a Mass)

Priest: My dear friends, let us turn to the Lord and pray that he will bless with his grace N., now married in Christ to N., and that he will unite in love this couple he has joined in his holy bond.

Reader: For our Church, to keep the promise of salvation,
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our world, to keep the promise of peace,
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our country, to keep the promise of freedom,
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our faith communities, to keep the promise of discipleship,
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our hearts, to keep the promise of loving,
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our hands, to keep the promise of giving,
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our lives, to keep the promise of growing,
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

For this couple, to keep the promise of marriage,
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

The priest now concludes the prayers with the nuptial blessing. Reader stays in place