

J1-Universal Prayer

Reader: _____

Priest/Deacon:

**Dear brothers and sisters,
as we call to mind the special gift of grace and charity
by which God has been pleased to crown and consecrate
the love of our sister N. and our brother N.,
let us commend them to the Lord.**

READER: The response is "Lord, hear our prayer."

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**That these faithful Christians, N. and N.,
newly joined in Holy Matrimony,
may always enjoy health and well being.
We pray to the Lord.**

All: Lord, hear our prayer

**That they be granted perfect and fruitful love,
peace and strength,
and that they bear faithful witness to the name of Christian.
We pray to the Lord.**

All: Lord, hear our prayer

**That the Christian people may grow in virtue day by day and that all who are
burdened by any need may receive the help of grace from above.
We pray to the Lord.**

All: Lord, hear our prayer

**That the grace of the Sacrament will be renewed by the Holy Spirit in all
married persons here present.
We pray to the Lord.**

All: Lord, hear our prayer

Presider:

**Graciously pour out upon this husband and wife, O Lord,
the Spirit of your love,
to make them one in heart and one in soul,
so that nothing whatever may divide those you have joined
and no harm come to those you have filled with your blessing.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Response: Amen.

Priest/Deacon:

**Dear brothers and sisters,
let us accompany this new family with our prayers,
that the mutual love of this couple may grow daily
and that God in his kindness
will sustain all families throughout the world.**

Reader: The response is "Lord, hear our prayer."

For this bride and groom, and for their well-being as a family.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**For their relatives and friends,
and for all who have assisted this couple.**

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**For young people preparing to enter Marriage,
and for all whom the Lord is calling to another state in life.**

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all families throughout the world and for lasting peace among all people.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**For all members of our families
who have passed from this world, and for all the departed.**

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**For the Church, the holy People of God,
and for unity among all Christians.**

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest/Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, who are present in our midst,
as N. and N. seal their union
accept our prayer
and fill us with your Spirit.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.**

All: Amen.

J3-Universal Prayer

Reader: _____

(sample from page 86-87 in United in Christ)

Priest/Deacon:

As we pray to the Lord for N. and N. on their wedding day, let us also remember the needs of the Church and the world.

Reader: The response is "Lord, hear our prayer."

For Christians everywhere, that the world may see our love for one another and come to believe.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace among nations, that there may be an end to the violence that divides us.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are marginalized or forgotten by our society, and for all to love and pray for them, that God will use us to raise them up.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are part of our lives, our parents, friends, and companions along the way, and for all who have helped to bring us to this day.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For N. and N., that the love they pledge to each other today may bring light and joy into their lives and the lives of others.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of our beloved dead, especially (*insert names of those who have died*).

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest/Deacon:

God of love,

**You have taught us that all things are passing
in this changing world,
all except love.**

**Help us to seek your love above all things,
and to love all people as you love them.**

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.