

Universal Prayer Intercessions J1

The priest or deacon begins:

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 [bride] and our brother [groom], let us commend them to the Lord.

That these faithful Christians, [bride] and [groom], newly joined in Holy Matrimony, may always enjoy health and well-being, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer

That he will bless their covenant as he chose to sanctify marriage at Cana in Galilee, we pray to the Lord. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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

The priest or deacon concludes:

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

R. Amen.

Universal Prayers J2

**Celebrant: 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.**

For [bride] and [groom],

for their well-being as a family, we pray to the Lord.

R Lord hear our prayer.

For their relatives and friends,

and for all who have assisted this couple, we pray to the Lord.

R 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.

R Lord hear our prayer.

For all families throughout the world

and for lasting peace among all people, we pray to the Lord.

R 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.

R Lord hear our prayer.

For the church, the holy People of God,

and for unity among all Christians, we pray to the Lord.

R Lord hear our prayer.

**Celebrant: Lord Jesus, who is present in our midst,
as [bride] and [groom] seal their union, accept our prayer
and fill us with your Spirit. Who live and reign for ever and ever.**

R Amen