

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The reader of the prayer of the faithful goes to the ambo immediately after the nuptial blessing. The presider introduces the prayer:

Gathered to celebrate the union of *N. and N.*, and confident in God's love for His people, we pray for the world, for the Church, and for one another.

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

1. **For *N. and N.*, united today in the bond of marriage, (pause) that their love for one another will be a reflection of the love of Christ for His Church, we pray to the Lord. R/.**
2. **For all married couples, (pause) that they may be renewed in their commitment and strengthened in their love, we pray to the Lord. R/.**
3. **For the family and friends of *N. and N.*, (pause) that they may be a source of support and encouragement in the joys and challenges of married life, we pray to the Lord. R/.**
4. *** For all who are ill, especially our friends and family members, (pause) that they may know the healing presence of Christ through our words and actions, we pray to the Lord. R/.**
5. **+ For all who have died, especially the relatives and friends of *N. and N.*, (pause) that they may find eternal rest and peace in the joy of God's presence, we pray to the Lord. R/.**
6. **For those intentions which we lift up to God in the silence of our heart, (pause) we pray to the Lord. R/.**

The presider concludes:

Faithful God, look with love on the union of *N. and N.*, which we celebrate today. Fill them with the hope and promise of many years together, and keep us all in the joy of your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

** The names of family or friends who are ill may be included.*

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