

**Collect  
(Opening Prayer)**

Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord,  
and in your kindness uphold  
what you have established  
for the increase of the human race,  
so that the union you have created  
may be kept safe by your assistance.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever.

**Prayer over  
the Offerings**

Receive, we pray, O Lord,  
the offering made on the occasion  
of this sealing of the sacred bond of Marriage,  
and, just as your goodness is its origin,  
may your providence guide its course.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Preface**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you have forged the covenant of marriage  
as a sweet yoke of harmony  
and an unbreakable bond of peace,  
so that the chaste and fruitful love of holy Matrimony  
may serve to increase the children you adopt as your own.

By your providence and grace, O Lord,  
you accomplish the wonder of this twofold design:  
that, while the birth of children brings beauty to the world,  
their rebirth in Baptism gives increase to the Church,  
through Christ our Lord.

**Nuptial  
Blessing**

Dear brothers and sisters,  
let us humbly pray to the Lord  
that on these his servants, now married in Christ,  
he may mercifully pour out  
the blessing of his grace  
and make of one heart in love  
(by the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood)  
those he has joined by a holy covenant.

O God, who by your mighty power  
created all things out of nothing,  
and, when you had set in place  
the beginnings of the universe,  
formed man and woman in your own image,  
making the woman an inseparable helpmate to the man,  
that they might no longer be two, but one flesh,  
and taught that what you were pleased to make one  
must never be divided;

O God, who consecrated the bond of Marriage  
by so great a mystery  
that in the wedding covenant you foreshadowed  
the Sacrament of Christ and his Church;

O God, by whom woman is joined to man  
and the companionship they had in the beginning  
is endowed with the one blessing  
not forfeited by original sin  
nor washed away by the flood.

Look now with favor on these your servants,  
joined together in Marriage,  
who ask to be strengthened by your blessing.  
Send down on them the grace of the Holy Spirit  
and pour your love into their hearts,  
that they may remain faithful in the Marriage covenant.

May the grace of love and peace  
abide in your daughter **N.**,

and let her always follow the example  
of those holy women  
whose praises are sung in the Scriptures.  
May her husband entrust his heart to her,  
so that, acknowledging her as his equal  
and his joint heir to the life of grace,  
he may show her due honor  
and cherish her always  
with the love that Christ has for his Church.

And now, Lord, we implore you:  
may these your servants  
hold fast to the faith and keep your commandments;  
made one in the flesh,  
may they be blameless in all they do;  
and with the strength that comes from the Gospel,  
may they bear true witness to Christ before all;  
(may they be blessed with children,  
and prove themselves virtuous parents,  
who live to see their children's children).

And grant that,  
reaching at last together the fullness of years  
for which they hope,  
they may come to the life of the blessed  
in the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Prayer after  
Communion**

By the power of this sacrifice, O Lord,  
accompany with your loving favor  
what in your providence you have instituted,  
so as to make of one heart in love  
those you have already joined in this holy union  
(and replenished with the one Bread and the one Chalice).  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Solemn  
Blessing**

May God the eternal Father  
keep you of one heart in love for one another,  
that the peace of Christ may dwell in you  
and abide always in your home.

May you be blessed in your children,  
have solace in your friends  
and enjoy true peace with everyone.

May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity,  
so that the afflicted and needy  
who have known your kindness may  
one day receive you thankfully into  
the eternal dwelling of God.

And may almighty God bless all of you,  
who are gathered here,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.