

Your Wedding: Prayers of the Faithful

Below you will find some sample petitions that you can choose from. You may also choose to write your own. If you choose to write your own you may want to use this **guide** to help you.



POF-1 Prayers of the Faithful

Presider: Introductory Prayer

As members of the same Christian family, let us rejoice over the sacred marriage union of N and N, and petition God to grant them the blessings of new life beginning today.

Reader:

1. For the Church throughout the world. May our faith in the love God has for us be expressed in our love for one another...we pray to the Lord.
2. For peace in our world. May all lands that suffer violence and injustice find peace and reconciliation...we pray to the Lord.
3. For the poor, the homeless, and for those who are unemployed. May our care and concern for those in need be a sign of God's love...we pray to the Lord.
4. For the protection and sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. May all people be treated with the dignity they deserve as God's children...we pray to the Lord.
5. For all those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. May they grow in wisdom and grace, and see their vocation to married life as a sign of God's love...we pray to the Lord.
6. For N and N, who begin their married life together this day. May they experience the love of God, the support of family and friends, and the blessings of children...we pray to the Lord.
7. For all those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of N and N and of all present for this wedding. May they enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life...we pray to the Lord.

Presider: (Reader remains at microphone until prayer is concluded with "Amen.")

God of love, you create man and woman to become one. Hear the prayer of your church and answer the needs of your children, especially of N and N. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POF-2 Prayers of the Faithful

Presider: Introductory Prayer

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

Reader:

1. For this bride and groom, and for their well-being as a family...we pray to the Lord.

2. For their relatives and friends, and for all who have assisted this couple...we pray to the Lord.
 3. 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.
 4. For all families throughout the world and for lasting peace among all people...we pray to the Lord.
 5. For all members of our families who have passed from this world, and for all the departed...we pray to the Lord.
 6. For the Church, the holy People of God, and for unity among all Christians...we pray to the Lord.
- Presider:* (Reader remains at microphone until prayer is concluded with "Amen.")
 Lord Jesus, who are present in our midst, as N and N seal their union, accept our prayer and fill us with your Spirit. You, who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

POF-3 Prayers of the Faithful

Presider: Introductory Prayer

Dear brother 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 N and N, let us commend them to the Lord.

Reader:

1. That N and N, newly joined in Holy Matrimony, may always enjoy health and well-being...we pray to the Lord.
2. That he will bless their covenant as he chose to sanctify marriage at Cana in Galilee...we pray to the Lord.
3. 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.
4. That 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.
5. That the grace of the Sacrament will be renewed by the Holy Spirit in all married people present here...we pray to the Lord.
6. That our beloved deceased friends and family members, especially N, may rest in eternal peace...we pray to the Lord.

Presider: (Reader remains at microphone until prayer is concluded with "Amen.")

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. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POF-4 Prayers of the Faithful

Presider: Introductory Prayer

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:

1. For the Church and its leaders. May our commitment to the Gospel lead us to deepen our faith and trust in God. We pray to the Lord...
2. For our world and its leaders. May all people be treated with the dignity they deserve as God's children. We pray to the Lord...
3. For our country and those who defend it. May our men and women who serve in the military be kept safe from all harm. We pray to the Lord...
4. For those who are sick, lonely, or depressed. May they be strengthened by God's love and aided by friends and family. We pray to the Lord...
5. For all of our guests gathered here with us today. May they enjoy the warm company of family and friends and have safe travel on their journey home. We pray to the Lord...
6. For N and N, may they live long, blessed lives together, may their love grow stronger each and

every day, and may they build a family rooted in faith and unconditional love. We pray to the Lord...
7. For our family and friends that have died, (may add names) may they know the peace and fullness of eternal life with God. We pray to the Lord...

Presider: (Reader remains at microphone until prayer is concluded with "Amen.")

God of love, you create man and woman to become one. Hear the prayer of your church and answer the needs of your children, N and N. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POF-5 Prayers of the Faithful

Presider: Introductory Prayer

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:

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

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. For all our beloved deceased, especially N,...we pray to the Lord.

Presider: (Reader remains at microphone until prayer is concluded with "Amen.")

God of love, you have taught us that all things are passing in this changing world, except love. Help us to seek your love above all things, and to love all people as you love them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POF-6 Prayers of the Faithful

Presider:

As members of the same Christian family, let us rejoice over the sacred marriage union of N and N, and petition God to grant them the blessings of new life beginning today.

Reader:

1. That the teachings of the church be a guide and light for the marriage of N. & N., we pray to the Lord.

2. That the friends and neighbors of N. & N. always give them the support they need for a happy marriage, we pray to the Lord.

3. That the love of N. and N. overflow and become a blessing for all whom they meet, we pray to the Lord.

4. That all married couples in the world come to know the steadfast love of God, we pray to the Lord.

5. That the friends and family members who celebrate here today build up the body of Christ in faith, we pray to the Lord.

6. That N, and all our deceased family and friends may rest in the peace of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Presider: (Reader remains at microphone until prayer is concluded with "Amen.")

God of love, you create man and woman to become one. Hear the prayer of your church and answer the needs of your children, especially of N and N. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

POF-7 Prayers of the Faithful

Presider:

Now that we have experienced the Lord's presence in this exchange of vows, let us present these

petitions for people in the world today.

Reader:

1. For our Holy Father on earth, Pope Francis, all the bishops and the clergy everywhere, that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others, we pray to the Lord.
2. For N. and N., now beginning their life together, may they have divine assistance at every moment, the constant support of friends and family, the rich blessing of children, a warm love reaching out to others, and good health. We pray to the Lord...
3. For those who are sick, lonely, discouraged, or oppressed, that they may be strengthened by God's help and aided by their friends and family. We pray to the Lord...
4. For parents who are trying to conceive, that they may feel God's loving grace and hope, and that they may be a source of strength and comfort to each other. We pray to the Lord...
5. For all those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of N. and N. and of all present for this wedding. May they enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life. We pray to the Lord...
6. For those personal needs and thoughts which we mention now in the silence of our hearts.
(Pause) We pray to the Lord...

Presider: (Reader remains at microphone until prayer is concluded with "Amen.")

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.

POF-8 Prayers of the Faithful

Presider:

Filled with the joy of this wedding feast, we bring before God our highest hopes for N and N, and we pray for all who love them.

Reader:

1. For all God's people, loved by God as a bride is loved by her husband, we pray to the Lord.
2. For N and N, joined now in the sacred mystery of marriage in which the two become one body, we pray to the Lord.
3. For the daily growth of the love this husband and wife have for each other, sustained by the love of God, we pray to the Lord.
4. For the family members and friends gathered here today and for the growth of love among us all, we pray to the Lord.
5. For beloved deceased grandparents, family and friends now in the company of God, we pray to the Lord.

Presider: (Reader remains at microphone until prayer is concluded with "Amen.")

Lord Jesus, you poured out blessings like wine upon the wedding couple of Cana. Show kindness to N and N. Be their strength, joy, light and love. Grant them all good things from your hand. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.