

Nuptial Blessing

After the Lord's Prayer, the prayer "Deliver us Lord..." is omitted and the priest faces the couple.

Let us humbly invoke by our prayers, dear brothers and sisters, God's blessing upon this bride and groom, that in his kindness he may favor with his help those on whom he has bestowed the Sacrament of Matrimony.

(Pause while all pray silently, then extending his hands the priest [deacon] prays)

M-3 Holy Father, maker of the whole world,
who created man and woman in your own image
and willed that their union be crowned with your blessing,
we humbly beseech you for these your servants,
who are joined today in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May your abundant blessing, Lord,
come down upon this bride **N.**, and upon **N.**, her companion for life,
and make the power of your Holy Spirit
set their hearts aflame from on high, so that,
living out together the gift of Matrimony,
they may (adorn their family with children) enrich the Church.

In happiness may they praise you, O Lord,
in sorrow may they seek you out;
may they have the joy of your presence to assist them in their toil,
and know that you are near to comfort them in their need;
let them pray to you in the holy assembly
and bear witness to you in the world,
and after a happy old age, together with the circle of friends that surrounds them, May
they come to the Kingdom of Heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The prayer "Lord Jesus Christ" is omitted, and "The peace of the Lord" is said immediately.