

I. EXAMPLES OF THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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1

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

That these faithful Christians, N. and N.,
newly joined in Holy Matrimony,
may always enjoy health and well-being,
let us pray to the Lord.

R). Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Or another appropriate response of the people.

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

R). Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

That they be granted perfect and fruitful love,
peace and strength,
and that they bear faithful witness
to the name of Christian,
let us pray to the Lord.

R). Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

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,
let us pray to the Lord.

R). Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

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

R/. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

**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.

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2

**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 this bride and groom,
and for their well-being as a family,
let us pray to the Lord.**

R/. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Or another appropriate response of the people.

**For their relatives and friends,
and for all who have assisted this couple,
let us pray to the Lord.**

R/. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

**For young people preparing to enter Marriage,
and for all whom the Lord is calling
to another state in life,
let us pray to the Lord.**

R). Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

**For all families throughout the world
and for lasting peace among all people,
let us pray to the Lord.**

R). Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

**For all members of our families
who have passed from this world,
and for all the departed,
let us pray to the Lord.**

R). Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

**For the Church, the holy People of God,
and for unity among all Christians,
let us pray to the Lord.**

R). Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

**Lord Jesus, who are present in our midst,
as N. and N. seal their union
accept our prayer
and fill us with your Spirit.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.**

R). Amen.