

MARRIAGE

God is present in the midst of our celebration.
In faith, let us now pray for N. and N.,
as well as for all the people of God,
that we may all live together in God's love:

- For N. and N.,
that God will bless their new life and home
with peace and joy:
let us pray to the Lord.
- For the parents of N. and N.,
that God, the Father of all,
will return to them abundantly
the love and joy they have given to their children:
let us pray to the Lord.
- For the families and friends of N. and N.,
that they may continue to give them
limitless support and unconditional love,
especially in times of anxiety, pain, and despair:
let us pray to the Lord.
- For our Church, the spouse of the Risen Christ,
that our faithfulness to the gospel of love
may make us the holy people of God:
let us pray to the Lord.
- For our nation
and for all the nations and peoples of the world,
that the Spirit of God's love may reign over all the earth:
let us pray to the Lord.
- For the sick, the poor, and the suffering,
that the great love of God living in each one of us
may restore them to health and hope:
let us pray to the Lord.
- For our deceased relatives and friends
[especially _____],
that they may rejoice forever
at the wedding banquet of Christ the Bridegroom:
let us pray to the Lord.
- For the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts
[Pause . . .]:
let us pray to the Lord.

Gracious Father, Author of love,
hear our prayers for N. and N.
Be with them in their new life together
so that their marriage may be a living sacrament
of your loving presence in our midst.
We offer these prayers in the name of your Son,
your Love to us incarnate, Jesus Christ.

General Intercessions (Petitions) for a wedding

*Priest or
Deacon:* We have listened to the word of God.
Let us now ask God to listen to us,
to bless our words of prayer which we offer
for the people of the world.

Reader: For leaders of Church and State, for heads of institutions
for heads of homes and households,
that they will lead and guide us in the search for God
and the good life in the search for peace and joy
in the search for love among us.
We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all married people:
for those who married yesterday
for the new couple _____ & _____ married today
for those who will marry tomorrow,
that they may savor the joy of being together, warm love and children,
a long life, and friends, and a new day, every day.
We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all young and single people who look forward to a vocation
full of life and full of love.
We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the lonely old and the lonely young
for the hungry rich and the hungry poor
for the sick in body, mind, and spirit.
We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For our relatives and friends who walk with us on life's journey
and for those who have gone before us to the other side of life.
For the fulfillment of all their unfilled desires.
We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

*Priest or
Deacon:* These are our words of prayer today for ourselves and all human beings.
Tomorrow there will be others.
Lord God the beloved of humankind who first loved us
give our words by your listening the power of your word
so that all things may be accomplished
sweetly and gently for the happiness of all.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GENERAL INTERCESSION

Presider: Creator God, giver of all life, You have brought us together today to celebrate the marriage of this couple. Hear now the concerns for which they pray. Our response is: Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for peace in our world. May all people learn to respect each others differences, care for those in need, and live peacefully together...we pray...Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the leaders of our world. May they make decisions based on love, working toward an end to injustice, poverty and discrimination...we pray...Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our families and friends. May they find love in their homes, fulfilment in their work, and contentment in their hearts. And may we be a source of strength to each other for years to come. . .we pray. . .Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all married couples. May they always cherish their special love by respecting each other as individuals, trusting each other as friends, and honouring each other as partners...we pray...Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for Karen and Jason. May their love deepen and grow as the years go by. May they find comfort in each others arms, support in each others eyes, and strength in the journey that they walk together... we pray. . .Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our loved ones who have died. May their memories live on in our hearts. May we find comfort in sharing our stories of them with each other and find peace in knowing that they are in the company of God....we pray...Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: God, of new life and love, hear the prayers of this couple. Be present to them in their life together as they learn to live in love. Touch their hearts, their minds, and their spirits. Bring healing to their injuries, strength to their weaknesses, and hopes to their dreams. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Today as Stacey and John enter into married life, may God bless them and give them the graces they need to live a happy and fulfilling life.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord Here Our Prayer.

For all who have traveled from near and far. May they have a safe journey home.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord Here Our Prayer.

For peace throughout the world.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord Here Our Prayer.

For our beloved who have died. Especially, Kim Shupe, Frances and Thomas Soine, Leo and Florence Morris, William and Mary Garry, and Theodore and Josephine Tausignant. May they know and enjoy eternal life in God's kingdom.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord Here Our Prayer.

For all of us gathered here today in love, that God may send his blessings down upon us.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord Here Our Prayer.

For Stacey and John. That the friendship, kindness and love they share so generously with others be returned to them through Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord Here Our Prayer.

PETITIONS:

Today as Stacy and Scott enter into married life, may God bless them and give them the guidance they need to live a happy and fulfilling Christian life.

We pray to the Lord. (*Lord here our prayer.*)

For all of us who have gathered here today, may we find happiness and love through continued faith in God.

We pray to the Lord. (*Lord here our prayer.*)

For those who have died, especially for Stacy's mother, Ruth Schouweiler and Scott and Stacy's Grandparents, that they know and enjoy a peaceful life in God's Kingdom.

We pray to the Lord. (*Lord here our prayer.*)

For all the people of the world, especially those struggling with their faith, that they might seek Christ's peace.

We pray to the Lord. (*Lord here our prayer.*)

Let us pause to add our own personal intentions.....

We pray to the Lord. (*Lord here our prayer.*)