



Sample Prayers of the Faithful for a *Catholic Wedding*

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Here are some sample petitions compiled that you can choose from. You may also choose to write your own.

After each petition, the Reader will say:

Lord, hear us.

The Response of the Congregation will be:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Sample 1: 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. For the Church throughout the world: that our faith in the love God has for us, may be expressed in our love for one another. ***Lord, hear us.***

2. For peace in our world: that all lands that suffer violence and injustice, may find peace and reconciliation. ***Lord, hear us.***

3. For the poor, the homeless, and for those who are unemployed: that our care and concern for those in need may be a sign of God's love. ***Lord, hear us.***

4. For the protection and sanctity of human life from conception until natural death: that all people may be treated with the dignity they deserve as God's children. ***Lord, hear us.***

5. For all those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage: that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and see their vocation to married life as a sign of God's love. ***Lord, hear us.***

6. For N and N, who begin their married life together this day: that they may experience the love of God, the support of family and friends, and the blessings of children. ***Lord, hear us.***

7. For all those who have died: (especially the relatives and friends of N and N and of all present for this wedding) – that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life. ***Lord, hear us.***

Presider: *(Reader remains at the microphone until the 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.

Sample 2: Prayers of the Faithful

Presider: 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 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.
Lord, hear us.

2. That He will bless their covenant as He chose to sanctify marriage at Cana in Galilee. **Lord, hear us.**

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

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. **Lord, hear us.**

5. That the grace of the Sacrament will be renewed by the Holy Spirit in all married people present here. **Lord, hear us.**

6. That our beloved deceased friends and family members, especially N, may rest in eternal peace. **Lord, hear us.**

Presider: (Reader remains at the microphone until the 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.

Sample 3: Prayers of the Faithful

Presider: 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.
Lord, hear us.

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

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. **Lord, hear us.**

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. **Lord, hear us.**

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. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For all our beloved deceased, especially N,...
Lord, hear us.

Presider: (Reader remains at the microphone until the 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.

Sample 4: 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.
Lord, hear us.

2. For N. and N., now beginning their life together: that they may 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. **Lord, hear us.**

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.

Lord, hear us.

4. For all those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of N. and N. and of all present for this wedding: that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For those personal needs and thoughts which we mention now in the silence of our hearts. **(Pause)**

Lord, hear us.

Presider: (Reader remains at the microphone until the 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,
Amen.

Sample 5: Prayers of the Faithful

Presider: 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. ***Lord, hear us.***

2. For our world and its leaders. May all people be treated with the dignity they deserve as God's children. ***Lord, hear us.***

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. ***Lord, hear us.***

4. For those who are sick, lonely, or depressed. May they be strengthened by God's love and aided by friends and family. ***Lord, hear us.***

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. ***Lord, hear us.***

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. ***Lord, hear us.***

7. For our family and friends that have died, (may add names...) may they know the peace and fullness of eternal life with God. ***Lord, hear us.***

Presider: (Reader remains at the microphone until the 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.

Sample 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., ***Lord, hear us.***

2. That the friends and neighbors of N. & N. always give them the support they need for a happy marriage, ***Lord, hear us.***

3. That the love of N. and N. overflow and become a blessing for all whom they meet, ***Lord, hear us.***

4. That all married couples in the world come to know the steadfast love of God, ***Lord, hear us.***

5. That the friends and family members who celebrate here today build up the body of Christ in faith, ***Lord, hear us.***

6. That N, and all our deceased family and friends may rest in the peace of Christ, ***Lord, hear us.***

Presider: (Reader remains at the microphone until the 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.***

A few more Prayers Compiled

The Couple

1. We pray that the love of X and X may grow deeper each day and may that love strengthen and comfort them on their journey through life together. ***Lord, hear us.***
2. We pray for X and X as they begin their married life together. May their home be full of joy and laughter, may God give them good health and may they always find happiness in each other. ***Lord, hear us.***
3. For X and X that the Lord, who brought them to this happy day, will keep them forever in fidelity and love. ***Lord, hear us.***
4. We pray for X and X, that their life together will be filled with happiness and love, that they may always be true friends to each other. That together they will face the challenges of life. May their home be one filled with love. Bless them on their journey through life. ***Lord, hear us.***
5. On this special day we ask that you bless X and X on their journey through life. May they rejoice with one another in moments of strength and be compassionate towards each other in moments of weakness. May they love and appreciate one another for who they are. ***Lord, hear us.***
6. For X and X who begin their new life together on this special day, may their home be filled with laughter and happiness and may the Lord bless them and keep them safe. ***Lord, hear us.***

Parents/Family

1. We pray for the parents of X and X, for their family and friends and all who have helped them to become husband and wife. ***Lord, hear us.***
2. We pray for the parents of X and X, their sisters/brothers and their extended families gathered here today. We give thanks for their constant love and support. ***Lord, hear us.***
3. By this marriage, two families have been united. May both families continue to be a source of love, support and guidance through X and X's life. ***Lord, hear us.***
4. For X and X parents, X & X, having given them life in the beginning, they now see them build a new and happy life together. ***Lord, hear us.***

Parents/Family

1. Lord we thank you for the gift of friendship. We pray for the parents, families and friends of X and X who have come from near and far, and for all the help, support and encouragement they have given. May the Lord reward them for their goodness and kindness. ***Lord, hear us.***
2. For the friends of X and X, may they live happy lives and be safe from harm. ***Lord, hear us.***
3. For all friends here present, young and old, married and single, that they be blessed with health and peace. ***Lord, hear us.***

4. We pray for all here present that God may give you peace in your hearts for today, hope in your hearts for tomorrow and love in your hearts forever. ***Lord, hear us.***
5. X and X thank God for their wonderful friends. We pray for all those who are lonely and that they may know the joy of friendship. ***Lord, hear us.***

Married Couples

1. May all married couples here today be reminded of the joy of their own day. May they give thanks for the happiness they have known and may each day find them more devoted to each other than the last. ***Lord, hear us.***
2. We pray for married couples everywhere, that their lives will be an example to the world of unity, fidelity and love. ***Lord, hear us.***

Lost Loved Ones

1. We remember the smiles and laughter of those who have gone before us, who would have loved to share in the joy and happiness of this day. We thank God for the happy memories they have left with us. May God one day unite us again. ***Lord, hear us.***
2. Let us pray for the family and friends of X and X who have departed from this life but who are with us today in spirit. As long as we live they too will live and we remember them with love. ***Lord, hear us.***

3. We remember today with a special love, friends and family members who have touched our lives, and are sadly no longer with us. May they remain in our thoughts and prayers. Lord, bless them and keep them in your care until one day, we are reunited with them in the joys of our eternal home.

Lord, hear us.

4. As we gather to celebrate this joyful day, we remember the faithful departed whom we have loved. May they watch over us today and join with us in love. *Lord, hear us.*

Health

1. For the sick and those who are bereaved, while we are celebrating, that in their suffering and loneliness they may experience the strength of God's support. *Lord, hear us.*
2. We pray for all those who are sick, lonely, or struggling in today's world. May they be strengthened by God's love and aided by their friends. *Lord, hear us.*
3. For the gifts of life and good health which we so often take for granted. May we always appreciate these gifts and may they bring us closer to God. *Lord, hear us.*
4. Lord, we are blessed today to be gathered together for a happy occasion. Let us give thanks for our own blessings, for the gifts of life and health, which we so often take for granted and pray for all those who are suffering due to illness, loneliness, injustice, or poverty at this time. We also remember those who care for them, that God will give them the hope and inner strength they need. *Lord, hear us.*

Other

1. We pray for the private intentions of all here present, that God may grant you and your loved ones your requests, and guide you happily through life. *Lord, hear us.*
2. We pray for those who mourn while we are rejoicing, that in their suffering and loneliness they may experience the strength of God's support. *Lord, hear us.*