

Prayer of the Faithful

I. **Priest:** On this joyous occasion, we call to mind God's many blessings, and we ask him to hear our prayers.

Reader: The response to each prayer is: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For Pope Francis, our Bishop John J. O'Hara, and all those who lead the Church on earth, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For _____ and _____ who are united in Matrimony this day, that God may help them to live as true partners in life and love, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For all married couples and families, that the Lord may guide and protect them in all moments of life, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For the sick and suffering, that we may be a sign of God's compassion to them, we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For those who have died, and especially for the deceased members of the families and friends of the bride and the groom (in particular for _____), we pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Loving Father, we ask you to hear our prayers and to bless all those united in Matrimony, that we may always know of your mercy and love for us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

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2. **Priest:** At this celebration of Christ's presence to us in the sacraments, we present our petitions before our Heavenly Father.

Reader: The response to each prayer is: Lord, bless your people.

1. For all the leaders of God's Holy Church, we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, bless your people.
2. For the newly married couple, _____ and _____, and for all couples united in Matrimony, that their life be filled with love and laughter, we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, bless your people.
3. For a greater respect for human life, at all stages of its development, from conception until natural death, we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, bless your people.
4. For an increase in true devotion and in living the call to love one another as Christ has loved us, we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, bless your people.
5. For those who are ill, lonely, frightened, or in trouble, that God may give them comfort by our lives, we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, bless your people.
6. For those who have died, and especially for the deceased loved ones of the bride and the groom, we pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, bless your people.

Priest: Loving God, we come before you as your trusting children who desire to live in your love. Grant that we may accept your will as we present our needs to you, in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

R. Amen