

## Sample General Intercessions/Prayer of the Faithful

The Prayer of the Faithful, also called the general intercessions or universal prayer, is a time when the gathered community lifts up their prayers to the Lord. These intercessions are intended to be general in nature, not listing individual names or wishes beyond that of the celebration. Five or six intercessions will be included in the ceremony.

The Prayer of the Faithful occurs after the wedding vows are said. A lector or deacon (if you choose to have a deacon) will lead the Prayer of the Faithful.

These are sample intercessions; if you and your spouse would like to include other general intercessions not listed here, please bring those requests with you when you meet with the wedding coordinator so that they can be included.

### 1. Presider's introduction to the prayer of the faithful.

*Choose one of the following:*

- a. 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.
- b. 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.

### 2. First intercession, for the bride and groom.

*Choose one of the following:*

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

### 3. Other sample intercessions to be included.

*Choose four from the following:*

- a. That he will bless their covenant  
as he chose to sanctify marriage at Cana in Galilee,  
let us pray to the Lord.
  - b. For their relatives and friends,  
and for all who have assisted this couple,  
let us pray to the Lord.
  - c. 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.
  - d. 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.
  - e. 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.
  - f. For all families throughout the world  
and for lasting peace among all people,  
let us pray to the Lord.
  - g. 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.
  - h. For all members of our families  
who have passed from this world,  
and for all the departed,  
let us pray to the Lord.
4. Presider's closing prayer.  
*Choose one of the following:*
- a. 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.

- b. 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.