



Order of Blessing within Mass on Other Occasions¹

General Intercessions

In the tender plan of his providence, God our almighty Father has given married love, its faithfulness, and its fruitfulness, a special significance in the history of salvation. Let us therefore call upon him, saying:

R. Lord, Hear our prayer.

Father all-holy, you have made marriage the great symbol of Christ's love for his Church; bestow on these your servants the fullness of your own love. For this we pray:

R. Lord, Hear our prayer.

You live in eternity with the Son and the Holy Spirit in oneness of life and communion of love; grant that these your servants will be mindful of the covenant of love they pledged to each other though the sacrament of marriage and never fail in fidelity. For this we pray:

R. Lord, Hear our prayer.

¹ From the Book of Blessing #107 and following.

In your providence, you have ordained that all genuinely human experiences should become ways of leading the faithful to share in the mystery of Christ; grant to your servants serenity in good times and bad and for the will to stay close to Christ and to live for him alone. For this we pray:

R. Lord, Hear our prayer.

It is your will that married life should be a lesson in Christian living; grant that all husbands and wives may be witnesses to the wonders of your Son's love. For this we pray:

R. Lord, Hear our prayer.

Prayer of Blessing

Almighty and Eternal God,
You have so exalted the unbreakable bond of marriage
That it has become the sacramental sign
Of your Son's union with the Church as his spouse.

Look with favor on your servants, whom you have united in
Marriage

As they ask for your help
And the protection of the Virgin Mary.
They pray that in good times and in bad
They will grow in love for each other;
That they will resolve to be one heart in the bond of peace.

Lord, in their struggles let them rejoice
That you are near to help them;
In their needs let them know
That you are there to rescue them;
in their joys let them see
That you are the source and completion of every happiness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Solemn Blessing

Bow down for the blessing

May God, the almighty Father, give you joy.

R. Amen.

May the only son of God have mercy on you
And help you in good times and in bad.

R. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit
Always fill your hearts with love.

R. Amen.

And May almighty God Bless you all,
The Father, and the Son, T and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.