

Opening Prayer Options

Option: A1

O God, who consecrated the bond of Marriage by so great a mystery that in the wedding covenant you foreshadow the Sacrament of Christ and his Church, grant, we pray, to these your servants, that what they receive in faith they may live out in deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Response: **Amen.**

Option A2

O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, join, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love these your servants who are to be united in the covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Response: **Amen.**

Option A3

Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord, and in your kindness pour out your grace on these your servants (*Name and Name*), that, coming together before your altar, they may be confirmed in love for one another.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Response: **Amen.**

Option A4

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that these your servants, now to be joined by the Sacrament of Matrimony, may grow in the faith they profess and enrich your Church with faithful offspring.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Response: **Amen.**

Option A5

Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord, and in your kindness uphold what you have established for the increase of the human race, so that the union you have created may be kept safe by your assistance.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Response: **Amen.**

Option A6

O God, who since the beginning of the world have blessed the increase of offspring, show favor to our supplications and pour forth the help of your blessing on these your servants (*Name and Name*), so that in the union of Marriage they may be bound together in mutual affection, in likeness of mind, and in shared holiness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Response: **Amen.**

Marriage Vows Options

Option: H1 – Can be done repeating after the priest/deacon, or memorized

The bridegroom says:

I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my wife. I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life.

The bride says:

I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my husband. I promise to be faithful to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life.

Option: H2 – Can be done repeating after the priest/deacon, or memorized

The bridegroom says:

I, (Name), take you, (Name), for my lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

The bride says:

I, (Name), take you, (Name), for my lawful husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

Option: H3 – Either H1, or H2, but done in a questioning format from the priest/deacon.

Blessing and Giving of Rings Options

Option: I1

May the Lord bless these rings,
which you will give to each other as the sign of your love and fidelity.

Response: **Amen.**

Option: I4

Bless, O Lord, these rings which we bless in your name.
so that those who wear them may remain entirely faithful to each other,
abide in peace and in your will, and live always in mutual charity. Through Christ our Lord.

Response: **Amen.**

Option: I5

Bless and sanctify your servants in their love, O Lord, and let these rings, a sign of their faithfulness,
remind them of their love for one another. Through Christ our Lord.

Response: **Amen.**

The priest/deacon after blessing the rings gives them to the bride and bridegroom. (Can be memorized, or repeat after the priest, or deacon)

The husband places his wife's ring on her ring finger with the following words:
(Name), receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The wife places her husband's ring on his ring finger with the following words:
(Name), receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of the Faithful Options

Option: J1

- That these faithful Christians, *N.* and *N.*, newly joined in Holy Matrimony, may always enjoy health and well-being. **We pray to the Lord.**
- That he will bless their covenant as he chose to sanctify marriage at Cana in Galilee. **We pray to the Lord.**
- That they be granted perfect and fruitful love, peace and strength, and that they bear faithful witness **We pray to the Lord.**
- 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. **We pray to the Lord.**
- That the grace of the Sacrament will be renewed by the Holy Spirit in all married persons here present. **We pray to the Lord.**
- 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 pray to the Lord.**

Option: J2

- For this bride and groom, and for their well-being as a family. **We pray to the Lord.**
- For their relatives and friends, and for all who have assisted this couple. **We pray to the Lord.**
- For young people preparing to enter Marriage, and for all whom the Lord is calling to another state in life. **We pray to the Lord.**
- For all families throughout the world and for lasting peace among all people. **We pray to the Lord.**
- For all members of our families who have passed from this world, and for all the departed. We pray to the Lord.
- For the Church, the holy People of God, and for unity among all Christian. **We pray to the Lord.**

Option: J3

- For *N* and *N*, that their love may always be based on what is genuinely good for each other. **We pray to the Lord.**
- That *N* and *N*'s love may deepen and grow as the years go by. May they find comfort in each other's arms, support in each other's eyes and strength in the journey that they walk together. **We pray to the Lord.**
- For *N* and *N*'s families, that love may be found in their homes, fulfillment in their work, contentment in their hearts and that they may be a source of strength to each other. **We pray to the Lord.**
- For married persons, may they always cherish their special love by respecting each other as individuals, trusting each other as friends, honoring each other as partners and living out the vocation of marriage in faith and fidelity. **We pray to the Lord.**

- For all friends and family not able to be present, that they will allow the love of God to be their guide and strength. **We pray to the Lord.**
- For loved ones who have died, especially (add name(s) here if desired), may their memories live on in our hearts, may we find comfort in sharing our stories of them and peace in trusting them to the company of God. **We pray to the Lord.**
- For the Church and its leaders, that they may lead us to a deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others. **We pray to the Lord**

Nuptial Blessing Options

Option: M1

O God, who by your mighty power created all things out of nothing,
and, when you had set in place the beginnings of the universe,
formed man and woman in your own image,
making the woman an inseparable helpmate to the man,
that they might no longer be two, but one flesh,
and taught that what you were pleased to make one must never be divided;

O God, who consecrated the bond of Marriage
by so great a mystery that in the wedding covenant you foreshadowed
the Sacrament of Christ and his Church;

O God, by whom woman is joined to man
and the companionship they had in the beginning
is endowed with the one blessing
not forfeited by original sin nor washed away by the flood.

Look now with favor on these your servants,
joined together in Marriage,
who ask to be strengthened by your blessing.
Send down on them the grace of the Holy Spirit
and pour your love into their hearts,
that they may remain faithful in the Marriage covenant.

May the grace of love and peace abide in your daughter (Name),
and let her always follow the example of those holy women
whose praises are sung in the Scriptures.

May her husband (Name) entrust his heart to her,
so that, acknowledging her as his equal and his joint heir to the life of grace,
he may show her due honor and cherish her always
with the love that Christ has for his Church.

And now, Lord, we implore you: may these your servants
hold fast to the faith and keep your commandments;
made one in the flesh, may they be blameless in all they do;
and with the strength that comes from the Gospel,

may they bear true witness to Christ before all;
(may they be blessed with children, and prove themselves virtuous parents,
who live to see their children's children).

And grant that, reaching at last together the fullness of years
for which they hope, they may come to the life of the blessed
in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

Response: **Amen.**

Option: M2

Holy Father, who formed man in your own image,
male and female you created them, so that as husband and wife, united in body and heart,
they might fulfill their calling in the world;

O God, who, to reveal the great design you formed in your love,
willed that the love of spouses for each other should foreshadow the covenant you graciously made
with your people, so that, by fulfillment of the sacramental sign,
the mystical marriage of Christ with his Church might become manifest
in the union of husband and wife among your faithful;

Graciously stretch out your right hand over these your servants (*Name* and *Name*), we pray,
and pour into their hearts the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grant, O Lord, that, as they enter upon this sacramental union,
they may share with one another the gifts of your love
and, by being for each other a sign of your presence,
become one heart and one mind.

May they also sustain, O Lord, by their deeds the home they are forming
(and prepare their children to become members of your heavenly household
by raising them in the way of the Gospel).

Graciously crown with your blessings your daughter *Name*,
so that, by being a good wife (and mother),
she may bring warmth to her home with a love that is pure
and adorn it with welcoming graciousness.

Bestow a heavenly blessing also, O Lord,
on *Name*, your servant, that he may be a worthy, good and
faithful husband (and a provident father).

Grant, holy Father, that, desiring to approach your table
as a couple joined in Marriage in your presence,
they may one day have the joy
of taking part in your great banquet in heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Response: **Amen.**

Option: M3

Holy Father, maker of the whole world, who created man and woman in your own image and willed that their union be crowned with your blessing, we humbly beseech you for these your servants, who are joined today in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May your abundant blessing, Lord, come down upon this bride, *Name*, and upon *Name*, her companion for life, and may the power of your Holy Spirit set their hearts aflame from on high, so that, living out together the gift of Matrimony, they may (adorn their family with children and) enrich the Church.

In happiness may they praise you, O Lord, in sorrow may they seek you out; may they have the joy of your presence to assist them in their toil, and know that you are near to comfort them in their need; let them pray to you in the holy assembly and bear witness to you in the world, and after a happy old age, together with the circle of friends that surrounds them, may they come to the Kingdom of Heaven. Through Christ our Lord.
Response: **Amen.**

Option: M4 - does not exist

Option: M5

Holy Father, maker of the whole world, who created man and woman in your own image and willed that their union be crowned with your blessing, we humbly beseech you for these your servants, who are joined today in the Marriage covenant.

May your abundant blessing, Lord, Come down upon this bride, (*Name*), and upon her (*Name*), her companion for life, and may the power of the Holy Spirit set their hearts aflame from on high, so that, living out together the gift of Matrimony, they may be known for the integrity of their conduct (*and be recognized as virtuous parents*).

In happiness may they praise you, O Lord, In sorrow may they seek you out; May they have the joy of your presence To assist them in their toil, and know that you are near to comfort them in their need; and after a happy old age, together with the circle of friends that surrounds them, may they come to the Kingdom of Heaven. Through Christ our Lord.
Response: **Amen.**

Final Blessing Options

Option: O1

May God the eternal Father
keep you of one heart in love for one another,
that the peace of Christ may dwell in you
and abide always in your home.

Response: **Amen.**

May you be blessed in your children,
have solace in your friends
and enjoy true peace with everyone.

Response: **Amen.**

May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity,
so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness
may one day receive you thankfully
into the eternal dwelling of God.

Response: **Amen.**

Option: O2

May God the all-powerful Father grant you his joy
and bless you in your children.

Response: **Amen.**

May the Only Begotten Son of God
stand by you with compassion in good times and in bad.

Response: **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit of God
always pour forth his love into your hearts.

Response: **Amen.**

Option: O3

May the Lord Jesus,
who graced the marriage at Cana by his presence,
bless you and your loved ones.

Response: **Amen.**

May he, who loved the Church to the end,
unceasingly pour his love into your hearts.

Response: **Amen.**

May the Lord grant
that, bearing witness to faith in his Resurrection,
you may await with joy the blessed hope to come.

Response: **Amen.**