

SAMPLE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Sample Prayer of the Faithful #1

Priest or Deacon: Filled with the joy of this celebration, we bring before God our prayers for *N.* and *N.*, for the Church and for the world.

Lector: For the Church throughout the world and the parishes of which *N.* and *N.* have been a part; (list communities the bride and groom have been a part), let us pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our nation and the local community, and for all who serve in our government, let us pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the poor, the homeless and the unemployed, and for all who suffer under persecution, let us pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For *N.* and *N.* and for all married couples, for their faithfulness to each other and for their loving service of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the parents and families of *N.* and *N.*, for their godparents (names), and for all who formed them in faith, let us pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the deceased relatives of *N.* and *N.*, for the sick and for all those unable to join us today, let us pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest or Deacon: Gracious God, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, poured forth blessings on the wedding couple at Cana. Look with kindness on *N.* and *N.* as they pledge their lives to one another in the presence of your Church. May they cherish one another and be heartened by your love. Through them, may your Church be blessed. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

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Sample Prayer of the Faithful #2

Priest or Deacon: Gathered in joyful hope, we offer our prayers to God, who creates hearts to love.

Lector: For the Church and those who serve the Church and for all people who preach and practice the Gospel of Christ, we pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word of God, and for their continual growth in the love of God's name and in faithfulness to the covenant, we pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the outcasts and downtrodden of our community and our nation, and for churches and families who offer them refuge and compassion, we pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the Lord's abundant blessings on *N.* and *N.* in their married life, we pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the families and friends of *N.* and *N.*, gathered here today and for our support of one another in times of need as we rejoice with one another today, we pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For family members who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith: (names of deceased relatives and friends), we pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest or Deacon: God our Creator, guardian of our homes and source of all blessings, you delight in the happiness of your people. Hear the prayers this Church offers for *N.* and *N.*, for all your people and for the entire world. Fulfill our needs and guide our actions toward the building up of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**