

**MATRIMONY - PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL AT OUR CHURCH –**  
**SUGGESTED**

**Set I**

**Celebrant:** Now that we have heard God's word and experienced His Presence in this exchange of vows, let us present these prayerful petitions for **(names of bride & groom)** and all of us present here. Our response is: **Loving Father, hear our prayer**

1. For Our Holy Father, all the Bishops and Clergy everywhere that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a strong love for others, let us pray to the Lord....
2. For **(names of bride & groom)** now beginning their life together, that they may have divine assistance at every moment, the constant support of friends, the rich blessing of children, a warm love reaching out to others, and good health until a ripe old age, let us pray to the Lord...
3. For all married persons, that they may continue to give, be able to forgive, and find happiness deepen with the passing of each day, let us pray to the Lord...
4. That those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of **(names of bride & groom)** and of all present for this wedding, may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.....
5. For those who are sick, lonely, discouraged, or oppressed that they may be strengthened by God's help and aided by their friends, let us pray to the Lord...
6. Please pray for your personal intentions.... **Celebrant:** Loving Father, we trust in your loving mercy and we are confident that you will answer our prayers. May you continue to protect **(names of bride & groom)** all the days of their married life. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Set II

**Celebrant:** Let us pray that we may be able to love, since God is love, and love comes from him. Those who love, know God, and experience his presence in their lives. Our response is: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the Pope, Bishops, Clergy and Religious may be witnesses to His love by the concern they show to one another. Let us pray to the Lord...
2. For **(names of bride & groom)**, now married in Christ: that this relationship which has begun with joy, may endure in peace. Let us pray to the Lord...
3. That in the midst of the difficulties and challenges **(names of bride & groom)** may remain true and loyal friends to each other. Let us pray to the Lord...
4. For all here present: that they may be inspired by the love of **(names of bride & groom)** and so find strength to persevere in their efforts to love others unselfishly. Let us pray to the Lord...
5. That the departed members of the families of **(names of bride & groom)** may be blessed with eternal rest. Let us pray to the Lord... **Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, by the grace of the Holy Spirit you pour into our hearts the ability to love. Grant a generous increase of this gift to **(names of bride & groom)**, to their families, and to the whole Christian community. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### Set III

**Celebrant:** God is ever faithful and true in His love for us. As we pray today for **(names of bride & groom)** who have been united in marriage, let us lift up our prayers and petitions to the mercy of our good Lord. Our response is: **Lord, graciously hear us**

1. That the Pope, Bishops, Clergy and the Religious may be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love. Let us pray to the Lord...
2. That **(names of bride & groom)** may always remain faithful to one another in spite of their own weaknesses and difficulties of life. Let us pray to the Lord...
3. That the parents of **(names of bride & groom)** may be blessed for all their sacrifices and encouragement to help them see the light of this day. Let us pray to the Lord...
4. For all of us present here; that this celebration may encourage us to persevere in the way of love. Let us pray to the Lord...
5. That the sick and the aged may find peace and solace in the loving actions of those who care for them. Let us pray to the Lord... **Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, may the radiance of your love light up our hearts as we celebrate the wedding of **(names of bride & groom)**. May you bless and protect them as they journey through life as a couple. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen