

NUPTIAL BLESSING 1

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The bride and bridegroom approach the altar or, if appropriate, they remain at their place and kneel.

The Priest, with hands joined, calls upon those present to pray, saying:

**Dear brothers and sisters,
let us humbly pray to the Lord
that on these his servants, now married in Christ,
he may mercifully pour out the blessing of his grace
and make of one heart in love
(by the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood)
those he has joined by a holy covenant.**

And all pray in silence for a while.

Then the Priest, with hands extended over the bride and bridegroom, continues:

**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,**

(text continues on back of card)

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 N.,
and let her always follow the example of those holy
women

whose praises are sung in the Scriptures.
May her husband 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.

(text continues on next card)

**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.
R. Amen.**

*The prayer **Lord Jesus Christ** is omitted, and **The peace of the Lord** is said immediately.*

Then the bride and bridegroom and all present offer one another a sign, in keeping with local customs, that expresses peace, communion, and charity.

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The bride and bridegroom approach the altar or, if appropriate, they remain at their place and kneel.

The Priest, with hands joined, calls upon those present to pray, saying:

**Let us pray to the Lord for this bride and groom,
who come to the altar as they begin their married life,
that (partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ)
they may always be bound together by love for one
another.**

And all pray in silence for a while.

Then the Priest, with hands extended over the bride and bridegroom, continues:

**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;**

(text continues on back of card)

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 (N. and N.), 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
N.,
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.

(text continues on next card)

**Bestow a heavenly blessing also, O Lord,
on N., 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.
R. Amen.**

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The Priest, with hands joined, calls upon those present to pray, saying:

**Let us humbly invoke by our prayers, dear brothers and sisters,
God's blessing upon this bride and groom,
that in his kindness he may favor with his help
those on whom he has bestowed the Sacrament of
Matrimony.**

All pray in silence for a while.

Then the Priest, with hands extended over the bride and bridegroom, continues:

**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.**

(text continues on back of card)

May your abundant blessing, Lord,
come down upon this bride, N.,
and upon N., 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.
R. Amen.

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NUPTIAL BLESSING 4

If marriage is celebrated between a Catholic and an unbaptized person, the following form of the nuptial blessing is used.

Facing them, the priest joins his hands and says:

**My brothers and sisters, let us ask God
for his continued blessings upon this bridegroom and
his bride.**

All pray silently for a short while.

Then the priest extends his hands and continues:

**Holy Father, Creator of the universe,
maker of man and woman in your own likeness,
source of blessing for the married life,
we humbly pray to you for this bride
who today is united with her husband in the bond of
marriage.**

**May your fullest blessing come upon her and her
husband
so that they may together rejoice in your gift of married
love.**

**May they be noted for their good lives,
(and be parents filled with virtue).**

**Lord, may they both praise you when they are happy
and turn to you in their sorrows.
May they be glad that you help them in their work,
and know that you are with them in their need.
May they reach old age in the company of their friends,
and come at last to the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.
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