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## Prayer of the Faithful

During the wedding ceremony the community celebrates a love that is meant to touch many people. So it is fitting that, after you exchange your consent and become husband and wife, we pause to offer prayers for all those in need of God's love and healing. The General Intercessions (or Prayer of the Faithful) should include prayers for the Church, for peace in the world, for you as a new couple, for the sick and those unable to be present, and for any deceased family and friends.

You can choose one of the sample sets of intercessions that follow or write your own. These sample prayers are available in electronic form at **togetherforlifeonline.com**. If you are invited to write your own, visit the same website for instructions and a simple worksheet that help you do so.

### **Priest:**

We have listened to the word of God. Let us now ask God to listen to us, to bless our words of prayer which we offer for the people of the world.

### **Reader:**

*The response is: "We pray to the Lord."*

1. For the Church throughout the world. May our faith in the love of God has for us be expressed in our love for one another.
2. For peace in our world. May all lands that suffer violence and injustice find peace and reconciliation.
3. For the poor, the homeless, and for those who are unemployed. May our care and concern for those in need be a sign of God's love.
4. For the protection and sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. May all people be treated with the dignity they deserve as God's children.
5. For all those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. May they grow in wisdom and grace, and see their vocation to married life as a sign of God's love.
6. For N. and N., who begin their married life together this day. May they experience the love of God, the support of family and friends, and the blessings of children.
7. For all those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of N. and N. and of all present for this wedding. May they enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life.