

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 and its leaders. May our commitment to the Gospel lead us to deepen our faith and trust in God.
2. For our world and its leaders. May all people be treated with the dignity they deserve as God's children.
3. For our country and those who defend it. May our men and women who serve in the military be kept safe from all harm.
4. For those who are sick, lonely, or depressed. May they be strengthened by God's love and aided by friends and family.
5. For all of our guests gathered here with us today. May they enjoy the warm company of family and friends and have safe travel on their journey home.
6. For N. and N., May they live long, blessed lives together, may their love grow stronger each and every day, and may they build a family rooted in faith and unconditional love.
7. For N. and N. (*fill in names of your deceased loved ones*) and all who have died. May they know the peace and fullness of eternal life with God.