



# Sample Prayers of the Faithful

## Suitable for Weddings

*Replace "Bride & Groom" with individual names*

*Alternative Response: Lord hear us/Lord graciously hear us*

### *Prayer No. 1 – For the Bride & Groom*

**Reader:** We ask you to bless Bride & Groom on their journey through life, and to grant them all the graces necessary to fulfil the promises they have made to each other here today. We pray that when they need a helping hand, a word of advice or a prayer for guidance, their families and friends may be there to support them.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** We pray for Bride & Groom as they begin their married life together. May their home be full of joy and laughter, may God give them good health, and may they always find happiness in each other.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** We pray for Bride & Groom, that their life together will be filled with peace, happiness & love, that they may always be true friends to each other. That together they will face the challenges of life. May their home be one filled with love. Bless them on their journey through life.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** On this special day we ask that you bless Bride & Groom on their journey through life. May they rejoice with one another in moments of strength and be compassionate towards each other in moments of weakness. May they love and appreciate one another for who they are. May the love of Bride & Groom be patient and gentle, ready to trust and endure whatever life brings. May their home be a gentle place of laughter, understanding and kindness.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** For Bride & Groom, that the Lord, who has brought them to this happy day, will keep them forever in fidelity & love and that the love they share today will grow from strength to strength.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** May the love of Bride & Groom grow large enough to embrace the children God may send them.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** We pray for Bride & Groom as they begin their married life together. May their love grow deeper every day & may their home be filled with good health, happiness, friendship & love.

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



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***Prayer No. 2 – For the Families of the Bride & Groom***

R: For the parents and families of Bride and Groom, who have shown them love and kindness throughout their lives. May God watch over them, bless them and keep them safe in His care always.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord hear our prayer.*

R: For the families & friends of Bride & Groom gathered here today & all who helped & guided them on their journey to becoming husband & wife. May the friendship & support of their families & friends continue all the days of their lives.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord hear our prayer.*

R: For the parents, family & friends of Bride & Groom, whose love & friendship have brought them to this happy day. May God bless them, and may they continue to give their love & support in the years ahead.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord hear our prayer.*

R: By this marriage, two families have been united. May all of us, particularly the parents of Bride & Groom, increase in affection for one another & find in one another a source of help, acceptance & strength.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord hear our prayer.*

R: By this marriage, two families have been united. We pray for both families that they may continue to be a source of love, support & guidance to Bride and Groom as they build a new life together.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord hear our prayer.*

R: Lord, bless both families & all Bride & Grooms friends gathered here today, that they may continue to be an inspiration & a source of support to Bride & Groom in their married lives.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord hear our prayer.*

R: We pray for all family & friends here present that God may give you peace in your hearts for today, hope in your hearts for tomorrow & love in your hearts forever.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord hear our prayer.*

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***Prayer No. 3 – For the Faithful Departed***

R: We pray for the faithful departed, and especially for those who we ourselves have loved, and who are very much in our thoughts today, that God will one day unite us again in the joys of our eternal home.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord hear our prayer.*

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**R:** For those who mourn while we are rejoicing, that in their suffering and loneliness, they may find strength in God's love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** We remember today with a special love, the smiles and laughter of family & friends, especially X, who touched our lives, and is/are sadly no longer with us. We know they/he/she would have loved to share in the joy & happiness of this day. We thank God for the happy memories they/he/she have left with us.

Lord, bless them/him/her and keep them/him/her in your care until one day, we are reunited in the joys of our eternal home.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** Let us pray for the family and friends of Bride & Groom who have departed from this life but who are with us today in spirit. As long as we live, they too will live in our hearts and we remember them with love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

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### *Prayer No. 4 – For the Sanctity of Marriage*

**R:** May all married couples here today be reminded of the joy of their own day. May they give thanks for the happiness they have known & may each day find them more devoted to each other.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** For married couples everywhere, that their married lives will be an example to the world of unity, fidelity & love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** For the sanctity of marriage, that this sacred bond may always be seen as the ultimate expression of love & commitment. We pray for all married couples, especially those experiencing difficulties in their marriages, that they may find strength & remain faithful to the love they pledged on their wedding day.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

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### *Prayer No. 5 – Miscellaneous*

**R:** We pray for all those who are sick, lonely, or struggling in today's world. May they be strengthened by God's love and aided by their friends.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

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**R:** For the gifts of life and good health which we so often take for granted. May we always appreciate these gifts and may they bring us closer to God.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** Lord, we are blessed today to be gathered together for a happy occasion. Let us give thanks for our own blessings, for the gifts of life and health, which we so often take for granted. We pray for all those who are suffering due to illness, loneliness, injustice, or poverty at this time. We also remember those who care for them, that God will give them the hope and inner strength they need.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ: we pray that at each moment of our day and all of our lives we might act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** We pray for an end to violence, and for lasting peace in our country. We pray for all those who are victims of injustice, and for those deprived of love and affection.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** Let us pray for peace throughout the world, beginning in our hearts and in our homes. Give us the ability to forgive each other in times of failure.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** That the Lord may bless the world with His peace & the protection of His love.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**R:** For our community that we may welcome Christ into our lives & that we will learn to receive Him in the poor & suffering people of our world.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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

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