

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Choice #1

Introduction (Celebrant)

Now that we have heard God's word in the Bible and experienced the Lord's presence in this exchange of vows, let us present these prayerful petitions for people in the world today.

Intercessions (Deacon or Reader)

For our Holy Father on earth, the Pope, all the bishops and the clergy everywhere that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others, let us pray to the Lord.

For our president and all leaders of government that they may be effective in achieving peace and eliminating poverty, let us pray to the Lord.

For 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.

For (groom) and (bride), 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.

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.

For those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of (groom) and (bride) and of all present for this wedding, that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.

For these personal needs which we mention now in silence....., let us pray to the Lord.

Concluding Prayer (Celebrant)

O ever-living and caring God, Jesus taught us to ask, to seek, and to knock. We have just done so, confident that you will now look upon our many needs, consider our trusting faith, and in your great love grant these requests which we present to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R:/ Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Choice #2

Introduction (Celebrant)

**Having heard (groom) and (bride) exchange their vows,
Let us turn and offer our prayer for them and for all people.**

Intercessions (Deacon or Reader)

*For the Church to proclaim the mystery of God's love to all people in all times
and places: we pray to the Lord.*

*For the nations torn by distress and anxiety, for those in service in faraway
lands, for all to build a peace that lasts: we pray to the Lord.*

*For those who mourn with broken hearts and spirit; for those who hunger and
thirst for justice: we pray to the Lord.*

*For (groom) and (bride), beginning their married life today, to grow more deeply
in love and faithfulness through the years: we pray to the Lord.*

*For all married couples to be signs of patient love, not brooding over injuries,
and never self-seeking: we pray to the Lord.*

*For young people in their search for God and holiness; for youth group leaders
to be faithful and patient in their ministry: we pray to the Lord.*

For the concerns we hold in the silence of our hearts.....: we pray to the Lord.

*For all who have died to rejoice now in the marriage feast of heaven: we pray to
the Lord.*

Concluding Prayer (Celebrant)

**God our Father,
You created man and woman to love each other in the bond of marriage.
Bless and strengthen (groom) and (bride).
Pattern their lives on the blessedness that Jesus taught
for he lives and reigns forever and ever. R:/ Amen.**