

## SAMPLE INTERCESSIONS 1

1. For the Church throughout the world. May our faith in the love God has for us be expressed in our love for one another.

**We pray to the Lord.**

2. For peace in our world. May all lands that suffer violence and injustice find peace and reconciliation.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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.

**We pray to the Lord.**

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

(a suggested form)

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (1)

**PRIEST:** Now that we have heard God's word in the Bible and felt his presence in this exchange of vows, let us present to God the Father these petitions for people in the world today.

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

**READER:** 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.

**READER:** 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.

**READER:** For N. and N., 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  
(over)

others and good health until a ripe old age, let us pray to the Lord.

**READER:** 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.



**READER:** For those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of N. and N. 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.

**READER:** For these personal needs which we mention now in silence (pause), let us pray to the Lord.

**PRIEST:** O God our Father in heaven, your Son 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.

**RESPONSE:** Amen.

—JMC

## SAMPLE INTERCESSIONS 2

1. For the Church and its leaders. May our commitment to the Gospel lead us to deepen our faith and trust in God.

**We pray to the Lord.**

2. For our world and its leaders. May all people be treated with the dignity they deserve.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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.

**We pray to the Lord.**

4. For those who are sick, lonely, or depressed. May they be strengthened by God's love and aided by friends and family.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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.

**We pray to the Lord.**

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

(a suggested form)

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (2)**

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 "Lord, hear our prayer.")

For leaders of Church and State  
for heads of institutions  
for heads of homes and households . . .  
that they will lead us and guide us  
in the search for God and the good life  
in the search for peace and joy  
in the search for love among us—  
let us pray to the Lord.

For all married people:  
for those who married yesterday  
for the new couple, N. and N., married today  
for those who will marry tomorrow . . .  
that they may savor  
the joy of being together  
warm love and children  
a long life, (wine) and friends  
and a new day, every day—  
let us pray to the Lord.

(over)

For all young and single people  
who look forward to a vocation  
full of life and full of love—  
let us pray to the Lord.

For the lonely old and the lonely young  
for the hungry rich man  
and the hungry poor man  
for the sick in body, mind, and spirit  
for the weak man in all of us—  
let us pray to the Lord.

For our relatives and friends  
who walk with us on life's journey  
and for those who have gone before us  
to the other side of life.  
For the fulfillment of all their unfulfilled desires—  
let us pray to the Lord.

**PRIEST:**

These are our words of prayer today  
for ourselves and all human beings.  
Tomorrow there will be others.  
Lord God the beloved of humankind  
who has first loved us  
give our words by your listening  
the power of your word  
so that all things may be accomplished  
sweetly and gently  
for the happiness of all.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Amen.

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## SAMPLE INTERCESSIONS 3

1. For the Church and all people of faith throughout the world. May our faith in the love God has for us be expressed in our love for one another.

**We pray to the Lord.**

2. For peace in our world. May all lands that suffer violence and injustice find peace and reconciliation.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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.

**We pray to the Lord.**

5. For all those preparing for marriage. May they grow in wisdom and grace, and reflect God's love to all around them.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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.

**We pray to the Lord.**

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**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (3)**

**God has given us His promises in the word of Scripture. N. (bride) and N. (groom) have given their promises to each other in their marriage. This hour of promise is also a time of prayer. We turn to God our Father and make our response by saying (singing): (The response is "Lord, have mercy.")**

**For our Church, to keep the promise of salvation,  
we pray to the Lord.**

**For our world, to keep the promise of peace, we  
pray to the Lord.**

**For our country, to keep the promise of freedom,  
we pray to the Lord.**

**For our parish, to keep the promise of discipleship,  
we pray to the Lord.**

**For our hearts, to keep the promise of loving, we  
pray to the Lord.**

**For our hands, to keep the promise of giving, we  
pray to the Lord.**

**For our lives, to keep the promise of growing, we  
pray to the Lord.**

**For this couple, to keep the promise of marriage,  
we pray to the Lord.**

**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Father, You have chosen us and given us Your love, the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Hear our prayers today and keep us open. May our faith issue forth in action, our love show itself in deeds, and our hope give us courage. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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