

The Prayers of the People

(optional marriage prayers should a couple already be blessed with children)

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Leader

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, look graciously upon the world which you have made and for which your Son gave his life, and especially on all whom you make to be one flesh in holy marriage. May their lives together be a sacrament of your love to this broken world, so that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy overcome despair.

Lord, in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Leader

May _____ and _____ so live together that the strength of their love may enrich our common life and become a sign of your faithfulness.

Lord, in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Leader

Giving thanks for the blessing and life of daughter/son/children _____, May they continue to receive the grace to bring her/him/them up to know your unending love for her/him/them.

Lord, in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Leader

May their home be a place of truth, security, and love; and their lives an example of concern for others.

Lord, in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Leader

May those who have witnessed these vows find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed.

Lord, in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.