

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER (B)**  
**for the Order of Celebrating Matrimony**

**Introduction/***Priest celebrant:*

**My brothers and sisters,  
the Word of God fills us with hope  
that the Lord is near to all who call upon him.  
We now turn to our Father in heaven and pray  
for this newly married couple, for ourselves  
and for the whole Church.**

**Intentions/***Deacon/Lector:*

For N. and N. who now stand before us as a sign of Christ's love for the Church,  
may they always remain in love with their Savior and with one another,  
keeping constant in faith and generous in good works.  
*Lord, have mercy/Lord, have mercy.*

For all those living the sacraments at the service of the Church,  
Holy Orders and Marriage,  
may their faithfulness help build the kingdom of Christ in this world  
and lead others to the kingdom yet to come in heaven.  
*Lord, have mercy/Lord, have mercy.*

For all the prayers and intentions that we bring to this celebration of the Sacred Liturgy,  
personal concerns and worries for the world, for those who are sick and those have died,  
may they be heard as quickly as they are offered with the assurance of God's mercy.  
*Lord, have mercy/Lord, have mercy.*

For each of us gathered here today and formed by the Word of the Lord,  
may we respond with ever more grateful hearts to love God first above all things  
and to serve others helping them on the path of holiness.  
*Lord, have mercy/Lord, have mercy.*

**Concluding Prayer/***Priest celebrant:*

**Heavenly Father,  
You give your children every grace they need to be faithful to you.  
We ask you now in your kindness to graciously hear these  
and all our prayers through Christ our Lord.**

*All:* Amen.