

UNIVERSAL PRAYER (A)
for the Order of Celebrating Matrimony

Introduction/*Priest celebrant:*

**My brothers and sisters,
The Father reveals his great love for us in the death and rising of his Son.
This same mystery forms our newly married couple as husband and wife
and gives us the confidence to raise our prayers to Almighty God.**

Intentions/*Deacon/Lector:*

For N. and N. who have become one in Christ
and one with each other in the holy Sacrament of Marriage,
may they always remain faithful to the Lord and be a sign of his love for the Church.
Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

For all married couples who have given themselves over to one another
as Christ gives himself over to the Church,
may they know the grace of a faithful and fruitful love all of their days.
Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the many intentions that we offer with these prayers,
for the poor and needy, for those suffering in mind and heart,
for those alone and filled with fear,
may they have the support of loving friends to persevere with trust in the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves, assembled by the Lord for this celebration,
may we find new peace and receive new grace from the Word and Sacrament of Christ,
to offer greater praise to God and to give generous service to others.
Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.

Concluding Prayer/*Priest celebrant:*

**Almighty Father,
You provide for your people in their every need.
We ask you to hear and answer these prayers
through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen.