Sample Bidding Prayers for Marriage

Version 1

Priest Dear brothers and sisters,
 as we call to mind the special gift of grace and charity
 by which God has been pleased to crown and consecrate the love of our sister N. and our brother N.,
 let us commend them to the Lord.

Reader Let us pray that these faithful Christians, N. and N., newly joined in Holy Matrimony, may always enjoy health and well-being.

 Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader Let us pray that God will bless their covenant
 as he chose to sanctify marriage at Cana in Galilee. Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader Let us pray that they be granted perfect and fruitful love, peace and strength, and that they bear faithful witness to the name of Christian. Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader Let us pray that the Christian people may grow in virtue day by day and that all who are burdened by any need may receive the help of grace from above. Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader Let us pray that the grace of the Sacrament will be renewed by the Holy Spirit in all married persons here present. Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Priest** Let us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and departed, to Mary, Mother of God and wife of Joseph the carpenter. **Hail Mary...**

Priest: Graciously pour out upon this husband and wife, O Lord,
 the Spirit of your love, to make them one heart and one soul,
 so that nothing whatever may divide those you have joined and no harm come to those you have filled with your blessing.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Version 2

**Priest**  Dear brothers and sisters, let us accompany this new family with our prayers, that the mutual love of this couple may grow daily and that God in his kindness will sustain all families throughout the world.

Reader Let us pray for this bride and groom, and for their well-being as a family. Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader Let us pray for their relatives and friends, and for all who have assisted this couple. Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader Let us pray for young people preparing to enter Marriage, and for all whom the Lord is calling to another state in life. Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader Let us pray for all families throughout the world and for lasting peace among all people, Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader Let us pray for all members of our families who have passed from this world, and for all the departed. Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Reader Let us pray for the Church, the holy People of God, and for unity among all Christians. Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Priest** Let us commend ourselves and all God's people, living and departed, to Mary, Mother of God and wife of Joseph the carpenter. **Hail Mary...**

Priest: Lord Jesus, who are present in our midst, as N. and N. seal their union accept our prayer and fill us with your Spirit.

 Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**