

## Catholic Wedding Prayer of the Faithful

The Liturgy of the Word in Catholic weddings concludes with the Creed and the Prayer of the Faithful. At Sunday Mass, following the homily, we stand and together recite the creed, saying aloud what we believe about God and about how we are to live in response to him. This statement of faith leads us to the General Intercessions or Prayer of the Faithful wherein we pray for the needs of the world, the Church, and often our very particular needs.

You can find some advice for composing your own intercessions for the Prayer of the Faithful here at *Together for Life Online*. (**A quick note about terminology:** What we call the “intercessions” or “intentions” forms the core of the Prayer of the Faithful, which is a singular liturgical action. Many people talk about the Prayer of the Faithful with the wrong words. Instead of *prayers* of the faithful, be sure to refer to this liturgical action as the Prayer of the Faithful. The Prayer of the Faithful for a Catholic wedding is technically not a group of prayers of the faithful for a Catholic wedding. There are no prayers (plural) of the faithful, only intercessions that make up a part of the Prayer of the Faithful.)

During Catholic weddings, the creed is not usually recited and the intercessions are moved to follow the *Rite of Marriage*. There they become the first act of worship of the newly married couple.

## Wedding - J1

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. 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 blessing 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.

## Wedding - J2

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 travels 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 the 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.

## Wedding -J3

1. For the Church 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.