

Please respond: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For our Holy Father on earth, the Pope, all the bishops and the clergy everywhere that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love for others, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For our president and all leaders of government that they may be effective in achieving peace and eliminating poverty, let us pray to the lord.
3. For married persons that they may continue to give, be able to forgive, and find happiness deepen with the passing of each day, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For **and**, now beginning their life together, that they my have divine assistance at every moment, the constant support of friends, the rich blessing of children, a warm love reaching out to others, and good health until a ripe old age, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For those who are sick, lonely, discouraged, or oppressed that they may be strengthened by God's help and aided by their friends, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For those who have died, especially the relatives and friends of **and** and of all present for this wedding, that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For these personal needs which we mention now in silence
(*pause*)
let us pray to the Lord.

The response is “Lord, hear our prayer.”

For leaders of Church and state
for head of institutions,
for heads of homes and households...
that they will lead us and guide us
in the search for God and the good life,
in the search for peace and joy,
in the search for love among us – Let us pray to the Lord.

For all married people:
for those you married yesterday,
for the new couple Emily and Bill, married today,
for those who will marry tomorrow....
that they may savor
the joy of being together, warm love and children,
a long life, wine and friends,
and a new day, every day – Let us pray to the Lord.

For all young single people who look forward to a vocation
full of life and full of love - Let us pray to the Lord.

For the lonely old and the lonely young,
for the hungry rich and the hungry poor,
for the sick in body, mind and spirit,
for the weakness in all of us – Let us pray to the Lord.

For our relatives and friends who walk with us on life’s journey
and for those who have gone before us to the other side of life.
For the fulfillment of all their unfulfilled desires –

Let us pray to the Lord.

God has given us promises in the word of scripture. **and** have given their promises to each other in their marriage. This hour of promise is also a time of prayer. We turn to God our Father and make our responses by saying:

“Lord, have mercy.”

For our Church, to keep the promise of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

For our world, to keep the promise of peace, we pray to the Lord.

For our country, to keep the promise of freedom, we pray to the Lord.

For our parish, to keep the promise of discipleship, we pray to the Lord.

For our hearts, to keep the promise of loving, we pray to the Lord.

For our hands, to keep the promise of giving, we pray to the Lord.

For our lives, to keep the promise of growing, we pray to the Lord.

For this couple, to keep the promise of marriage, we pray to the Lord.