## **Greetings**

#### **Presider:**

- A. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- B. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

### **Collects**

#### **Presider:**

A-1 Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord, and in your kindness uphold what you have established for the increase of the human race, so that the union you have created may be kept safe by your assistance.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

A - 2 O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, join, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love these your servants who are to be united in the one covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

B - 1 Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord, and in your kindness

pour out your grace on these your servants,
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,
that, coming together before your altar,
they may be confirmed in love for one another.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

B - 2 O God, who consecrated the bond of Marriage by so great a mystery that in the wedding covenant you foreshadow the Sacrament of Christ and his Church, grant, we pray, to these your servants, that what they receive in faith they may live out in deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C - 1 Grant, we pray, almighty God, that these your servants, now to be joined by the Sacrament of Matrimony, may grow in the faith they profess and enrich your Church with faithful offspring.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C - 2 O God, who since the beginning of the world have blessed the increase of offspring, show favor to our supplications and pour forth the help of your blessing on these your servants, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_, so that in the union of Marriage they may be bound together in mutual affection, in likeness of mind, and in shared holiness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

## Nuptial Blessings

A. Dear brothers and sisters,
let us humbly pray to the Lord
that on these his servants, now married in Christ,
he may mercifully pour out the blessing of his grace
and make of one heart in love
(by the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood)
those he has joined by a holy covenant.

O God, who by your mighty power created all things out of nothing, and, when you had set in place the beginnings of the universe, formed man and woman in your own image, making the woman an inseparable helpmate to the man, that they might no longer be two, but one flesh, and taught that what you were pleased to make one must never be divided;

O God, who consecrated the bond of Marriage by so great a mystery that in the wedding covenant you foreshadowed the Sacrament of Christ and his Church;

O God, by whom woman is joined to man and the companionship they had in the beginning is endowed with the one blessing not forfeited by original sin nor washed away by the flood.

Look now with favor on these your servants, joined together in Marriage, who ask to be strengthened by your blessing. Send down on them the grace of the Holy Spirit and pour your love into their hearts, that they may remain faithful in the Marriage covenant.

May the grace of love and peace abide in your daughter, \_\_\_\_\_ and let her always follow the example of those holy women whose praises are sung in the Scriptures.

May her husband entrust his heart to her, so that, acknowledging her as his equal and his joint heir to the life of grace, he may show her due honor and cherish her always with the love that Christ has for his Church.

And now, Lord, we implore you: may these your servants

hold fast to the faith and keep your commandments; made one in the flesh, may they be blameless in all they do; and with the strength that comes from the Gospel, may they bear true witness to Christ before all; (may they be blessed with children, and prove themselves virtuous parents, who live to see their children's children.)

And grant that, reaching at last together the fullness of years for which they hope, they may come to the life of the blessed in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

B. Let us pray to the Lord for this bride and groom, who come to the altar as they begin their married life, that (partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ) they may always be bound together by love for one another.

Holy Father, who formed man in your own image, male and female you created them, so that as husband and wife, united in body and heart, they might fulfill their calling in the world.

O God, who, to reveal the great design you formed in your love, willed that the love of spouses for each other should foreshadow the covenant you graciously made with your people, so that, by fulfillment of the sacramental sign, the mystical marriage of Christ with his Church might become manifest in the union of husband and wife among your faithful;

Graciously stretch out your right hand over these your servants (\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_), we pray, and pour into their hearts the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grant, O Lord.

that, as they enter upon this sacramental union, they may share with one another the gifts of your love and, by being for each other a sign of your presence, become one heart and one mind. May they also sustain, O Lord, by their deeds the home they are forming (and prepare their children to become members of your heavenly household by raising them in the way of the Gospel).

Graciously crown with your blessings your daughter, \_\_\_\_\_, so that, by being a good wife (and mother), she may bring warmth to her home with a love that is pure and adorn it with welcoming graciousness.

Bestow a heavenly blessing also, O Lord, on \_\_\_\_\_\_, your servant, that he may be a worthy, good and faithful husband (and a provident father).

Grant, holy Father, that, desiring to approach your table as a couple joined in Marriage in your presence, they may one day have the joy of taking part in your great banquet in heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** *Amen.* 

C. Let us humbly invoke by our prayers,
dear brothers and sisters,
God's blessing upon this bride and groom,
that in his kindness he may favor with his help
those on whom he has bestowed the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Holy Father, maker of the whole world, who created man and woman in your own image and willed that their union be crowned with your blessing, we humbly beseech you for these your servants, who are joined today in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May your abundant blessing, Lord, come down upon this bride, \_\_\_\_\_, and upon \_\_\_\_\_, her companion for life, and may the power of your Holy Spirit set their hearts aflame from on high, so that, living out together the gift of Matrimony, they may (adorn their family with children and) enrich the Church.

In happiness may they praise you, O Lord, in sorrow may they seek you out; may they have the joy of your presence

to assist them in their toil, and know that you are near to comfort them in their need; let them pray to you in the holy assembly and bear witness to you in the world, and after a happy old age, together with the circle of friends that surrounds them, may they come to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

## **Prayers After Communion**

- A. By the power of this sacrifice, O Lord, accompany with your loving favor what in your providence you have instituted, so as to make of one heart in love those who have already joined in this holy union (and replenished with the one Bread and the one Chalice). Through Christ our Lord.
- B. Having been made partakers agt your table, we pray, O Lord, that those who are united by the Sacrament of Marriage may always hold fast to you and proclaim your name to the world. Through Christ our Lord.
- C. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the power of the Sacrament we have received may find growth in these your servants and that the effects of the sacrifice we have offered may be felt by us all.
   Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

# Final Blessings

A. May God the eternal Father keep you of one heart in love for one another, that the peace of Christ may dwell in you and abide always in your home.

Amen.

May you be blessed in your children,

have solace in your friends and enjoy true peace with everyone.

Amen.

Amen.

May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity, so that the afflicted and needy who have known your kindness may one day receive you thankfully into the eternal dwelling of God.

Amen.

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* 

B. May God the all-powerful Father grant you his joy and bless you in your children. *Amen.* 

May the only Begotten Son of God stand by you with compassion in good times and in bad.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit of God always pour forth his love into your hearts. *Amen.* 

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* 

C. May the Lord Jesus,
who graced the marriage at Cana by his presence,
bless you and your loved ones.

May he, who loved the church to the end, unceasingly pour his love into your hearts. *Amen.* 

May he grant that, as you believe in his resurrection, so you may wait for him in joy and hope.

Amen.

May the Lord grant that, bearing witness to faith in his Resurrection, you may await with joy the blessed hope to come. *Amen.* 

And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* 

# Dismissals

- A. Go forth, the Mass is ended.
- B. Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
- C. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
- D. Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.