

The Dedication

The husband and wife face the minister, who says
N and N, you have committed yourselves
to each other in marriage,
and your marriage is recognized by law.
The Church of Christ understands marriage to be,
in the will of God,
the union of a man and a woman,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
till parted by death.

Is this your understanding of the covenant and promise
that you have made?

Husband and wife
It is.

The minister says to the husband
N, have you resolved to be faithful to your wife,
forsaking all others,
so long as you both shall live?

Husband
That is my resolve, with the help of God.

The minister says to the wife
N, have you resolved to be faithful to your husband,
forsaking all others,
so long as you both shall live?

Wife
That is my resolve, with the help of God.

The minister may say
Heavenly Father, by your blessing
let these rings be to N and N
a symbol of unending love and faithfulness,
and of the promises
they have made to each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

The minister says to the congregation
N and N have here affirmed
their Christian understanding and resolve
in the marriage which they have begun.
Will you, their families and friends,
support and uphold them in their marriage,
now and in the years to come?
All We will.

The congregation remains standing.
The husband and wife kneel and say together

Heavenly Father,
we offer you our souls and bodies,
our thoughts and words and deeds,
our love for one another.
Unite our wills in your will,
that we may grow together
in love and peace
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The minister says

Almighty God give you grace to persevere,
that he may complete in you
the work he has already begun,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord bless and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace
all the days of your life.

All Amen.

Prayers + The Lords Prayer

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

A Service of Prayer and Dedication for a New Marriage



Introduction

A Time of Confession

Lord, in our weakness you are our strength.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord, when we stumble, you raise us up.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord, when we fail, you give us new life.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The minister says

The Lord forgive *you your* sin,
unite *you* in the love which took Christ to the cross,
and bring *you* in the Spirit to his wedding feast in heaven.

All Amen.

A Reading

An Address