

We pray for a new awareness of the Communion of Saints:
that, conscious of our fellowship with all those gone before us,
our earthly praise may join with that of the Church Triumphant
in heaven.

Lord, hear us.

AND MAKE US ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

AMEN.

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Eternal God, who lovest us with an everlasting love,
which was before the foundation of the world:
We praise Thee for every blessing which is ours in life;
for the beauty of creation and the wonders of the world;
for the sweetness of affection and the warmth of human love;
but most of all, for the mysteries and the marvels of holy marriage.

Grant, O God,

that as we gather here to make A ... and B ... one in Thy sight,
their future may be transfigured by Thy presence:

that in life's darkness they shall ever see the stars of promise;

in life's sorrows, they shall know the word of comfort;

in life's silences, they shall hear the voice of truth;

and in life's celebrations, find that love and peace which passeth

knowledge;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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O Lord Jesus Christ,

whose power was revealed in the mystery and majesty at the

marriage in Cana of Galilee;

May the union of these, Thy servants A ... and B ..., be blessed with

Thy grace,

their souls enriched by Thy presence, their home filled with Thy peace,

and their lives redeemed for ever by Thy love; who livest and reignest

with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

O Lord Jesus Christ,

present in mystery and majesty at the marriage in Cana of Galilee:

May the union of these, Thy servants A ... and B

be blessed with Thy grace,

their souls enriched by Thy presence,

their home filled with Thy peace,

and their lives redeemed for ever by Thy love;

who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, world without end.

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Eternal God, our heavenly Father,

at whose invitation Thy people gather here,

to praise Thy name and bless Thee for the unspeakable gift of love,

revealed in Jesus Christ our Saviour,

and fulfilled within the sacred state of marriage:
be present with us now, we pray,
and with Thy servants A ... and B ...;
that by spoken promise and exchange of ring(s),
these two hearts may be for ever one;
and that we, as witnesses to their devotion,
may see in them that light of love which is everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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O God, who hast sanctified the marriage bond
to make holy and complete Thy sacred gift of love:
Grant that those who are already husband and wife may faithfully fulfil
the vows once affirmed in Thy presence;
that having entered here the highest hall of human happiness,
they may come with A ... and B ...
to share hereafter their love in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

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Glory be to God, the Father Almighty,
creator and giver of life
whose love is the source of all good things.
Glory be to God the Son,
whose power was revealed at the wedding in Cana of Galilee
and is with us now in joy and wonder.
Glory be to God the Holy Spirit,
who sets us free to love one another
and to share the richest of all relationships.

Father eternal,
one in three and three in one;
come in the power of your Spirit,
that we may rejoice with A ... and B ...

in the covenant they are about to enter;
supporting them with our faith,
sustaining them with our hopes
and surrounding them with our love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Almighty Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
who, in the beginning, created male and female,
and in marriage has made perfect that most sacred gift of love:
grant that as A ... and B ... pledge themselves to each other,
what is joined in your presence here
may be united, never to part;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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God of mercy, God of grace,
by whose Spirit we are remade:
we confess with shame our failures in love ...
to love you above all things;
to love each other as we ought;
to love, even within marriage,
as you would wish us to love,
and be loved.

May we know the comfort of your pardon and peace;
that, committing ourselves anew with A ... and B ...
to walk in your ways,
we may find our affection shared,
our trust increased,
and our lives enriched with your heavenly blessing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Almighty and eternal God,
author of harmony and happiness,
whose love is seen in the marvels of the world
and shared in the mysteries of marriage;
we praise you for the special light of love
in which these, your servants
A ... and B ... now see each other.
Teach them in simple trust
to commit their lives to your care
as by ring and spoken word
they enter into this holy estate;
that your joy may be in them
and their joy may be full;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Let us pray.

LORD, RECEIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAYER.

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