**Universal Prayer Sample Intercessions**

**J1**

The priest or deacon begins:

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

**as we call to mind the special gift of grace and charity**

**by which God has been pleased to crown and consecrate**

**the love of our sister** N. **and our brother** N.,

**let us commend them to the Lord.**

A reader continues:

**That these faithful Christians,** N. **and** N.**,**

**newly joined in Holy Matrimony,**

**may always enjoy health and well-being,**

**let us pray to the Lord.**

R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer

Or another appropriate response of the people.

**That he will bless their covenant**

**as he chose to sanctify marriage at Cana in Galilee,**

**let us pray to the Lord.** R.

**That they be granted perfect and fruitful love,**

**peace and strength,**

**and that they bear faithful witness to the name of Christian,**

**let us pray to the Lord.** R.

**That the Christian people**

**may grow in virtue day by day**

**and that all who are burdened by any need**

**may receive the help of grace from above,**

**let us pray to the Lord.** R.

**That the grace of the Sacrament**

**will be renewed by the Holy Spirit**

**in all married persons here present,**

**let us pray to the Lord.** R.

The priest or deacon concludes:

**Graciously pour out upon this husband and wife, O Lord,**

**the Spirit of your love,**

**to make them one heart and one soul,**

**so that nothing whatever may divide those you have joined**

**and no harm come to those you have filled with your blessing.**

**Through Christ our Lord.**

R. Amen.

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**J2**

The priest or deacon begins:

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

**let us accompany this new family with our prayers,**

**that the mutual love of this couple may grow daily**

**and that God in his kindness**

**will sustain all families throughout the world.**

**For this bride and groom,**

**and for their well-being as a family,**

**let us pray to the Lord.**

R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Or another appropriate response of the people.

**For their relatives and friends,**

**and for all who have assisted this couple,**

**let us pray to the Lord.** R.

**For young people preparing to enter Marriage,**

**and for all whom the Lord is calling to another state in life,**

**let us pray to the Lord.** R.

**For all families throughout the world**

**and for lasting peace among all people,**

**let us pray to the Lord.** R.

**For all members of our families**

**who have passed from this world,**

**and for all the departed,**

**let us pray to the Lord.** R.

**For the Church, the holy People of God,**

**and for unity among all Christians,**

**let us pray to the Lord.** R.

The priest or deacon concludes:

**Lord Jesus, who are present in our midst,**

**as** N. **and** N. **seal their union**

**accept our prayer**

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

**Who live and reign for ever and ever.**

R. Amen.

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