

A selection of the following ADDITIONAL prayers may be used:

Let us pray for **NAME** and **NAME** in their life together -

"Most gracious God, we bless You for Your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, born of a human mother, We give You thanks that He grew up in a home in Nazareth, and joined in the celebration of a marriage in Cana of Galilee. By the power of the Holy Spirit, give Your blessing to **NAME** and **NAME**. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders and a crown upon their heads. Bless them in their work and in their companionship, in their joys and in their sorrows. And finally, in Your mercy, bring them to Your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN."

OR

"Faithful Lord, source of all love, pour down Your grace upon **NAME** and **NAME**, that they may fulfil the vows they have made today, and reflect Your steadfast love in their life-long faithfulness to each other. Help us to support them in their life together. Give them courage and patience, affection and understanding, and love toward You, toward each other, and toward the world; that they may continue to grow in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN."

OR

"Creator God, Giver of life, bless **NAME** and **NAME** whom you have now joined in marriage. Grant them wisdom and devotion in their life together, that each may be for the other a strength in need, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. So unite their wills in Your will, and their spirits in Your Spirit, that they may live and grow together in love and peace all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN."

Let us pray for **Name** and **Name's** families -

"Gracious Father, You bless family life and renew Your people. Enrich husbands and wives, parents and children, more and more with Your grace, that, strengthening and supporting each other, they may serve those in need and be a sign of the fulfilment of Your kingdom, where, with Your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign, one God through all ages.

AMEN."

Let us pray for all families -

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AMEN."