

Example 1

Dear Lord,

We lift up a prayer for this beautiful couple that we love.

We have gathered together to celebrate their special day. We have all expressed our desires for their happy future. But Lord, we acknowledge that it is you who hold their future in your hands. We ask that you would bless them, protect them, and fill their lives with your wisdom.

We ask that this would be a marriage made in heaven.

We pray that our bride and groom would continually desire to be a heavenly mate.

Lord, draw their hearts together in love and unity. Teach them how to enjoy working together, playing together, and dreaming together.

May they be determined to make YOU the center of their home.

In Jesus' name, we pray,

Amen

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Example 2

Dear Lord,

We are so excited to see this man and woman united in matrimony. We are so thrilled to be a part of this magnificent day.

Thank you, Lord, for guiding their footsteps toward each other. Thank you for allowing us to be with them as they pledge their love and life to each other.

Lord, we ask you for lots of smiles, lots of laughter, lots of joys, and lots of celebrations. May their life be filled with abundant blessings as they learn to walk together with each other and with you.

Amen

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Example 3

Dear God,

Hear our prayer for John and Sally. We ask that you bless them with a long life of love, happiness and peace. May the home they share be full of joy and gladness. May their lives be as full as your love for them is. Bless their marriage, God, with the fruits of your spirit such as love, patience and goodness. Bless their children and their grandchildren and may their family always be before you as they love, worship and work together. Amen.

Example 4

Heavenly Father,

We ask for blessings over this couple on this happy day. Even as they have committed themselves to one another, so they commit themselves to you also. Help them Father to love one another just as Jesus loves the church. Give your counsel as they seek your face in your holy word and in worship together. As the years pass, make them one in heart, body and spirit. Multiply their offerings and their good deeds back into their lives as only you can do. We beseech you Father, pour out your blessings

A Christian Wedding Reception Prayer

Dear Lord, we gather in this place in a spirit of celebration and gratitude. Thank you for the blessing of bringing (name) and (name) together in marriage today. We ask you to bless their marriage, their family, and all of their relationships. Help them stay strong in any adversity, and to treasure and protect the joy of marriage. May we, as their family and friends, commit to uphold and encourage them to the best of our ability. Please bless this food we are about to receive, and let this reception be an honor to You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A Jewish Wedding Reception Prayer

We praise you, eternal God, who brings forth bread from the earth. Blessed are You, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who have given us your commandments so that we may live in a way that pleases you. Bless this married couple, (name) and (name), and may their life together reflect your glory. May their home be full of joy and gladness, and may their union be blessed with much fruit. May (name)

and (name) always find favor in Your eyes and in the eyes of those around them. May they enjoy and expand the community they belong to. May peace reign in their home, and contentment and happiness be a mark of their lives from this day forward. Amen.

A General Faith Wedding Reception Prayer

Thank you, Creator, for bringing (name) and (name) together in such a happy way. We ask the Universe to bless this couple and their future together. May happiness and joy be a hallmark of their relationship. As they explore their love for each other, establish a home, and build a life together, may they be strengthened by the love and encouragement of those gathered here today. If times get hard, may they remember the commitment they made today and the joy that brought them together. Help them to learn from one another and grow strong as both individuals and a couple. May the food we eat now bring strength to us, and may we all enjoy this time of celebration and friendship. Amen.

The Honor of the Dinner Prayer

Giving a dinner prayer at wedding reception meals is a solemn yet simultaneously joyous task. Guests asked to participate in this way should feel honored by the bride and groom, and should do their best to return that honor with an appropriate prayer. Don't feel like you have to pray for a long time, simply say a few words of blessing in the faith tradition of the couple.

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