



Intercessions and Blessings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 9, 2025

General Intercessions

For all married couples celebrating a wedding anniversary this year, that they continue to live their vocation of love as an example to their families and to the world of God's faithful, fruitful, and lasting love. Let us pray to the Lord.

For engaged couples, that they may take time amid the busyness of planning for their wedding day to prepare their hearts for the Sacrament of Marriage. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all those discerning a vocation to marriage: may they recognize the Holy Spirit working in their hearts and respond generously to the call of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

Blessing for Engaged Couples

This month we offer two options for the blessing. If there is an engaged couple preparing for marriage in the assembly, invite them to stand after reciting the Prayer after Communion and offer the following blessing over them:

Loving God,
You have blessed us as your people
and have called us to serve you in love.
Listen to our prayers for (insert her name) and (insert his name)
and bless them as they prepare for marriage.
Keep them holy and pure in their lives,
deepen their spirit of prayer and love,
and lead them in perfect joy.
Guard them from evil and guide them in your light,
so that they may enter their marriage in your love
and serve you faithfully at all times.





Bless their parents, families and friends
as they help (insert her name) and (insert his name)
by their prayer and example as they prepare to marry.
May almighty God bless you, (insert her name) and (insert his name).
May God grant you love and happiness,
Peace and joy,
And strength in trials,
All the days of your life together.
May you remain always in God's love.
We ask this in Christ's name and in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Forever and ever. Amen.

OR

Blessing for All Married Couples

After reciting the Prayer after Communion, invite all married couples to stand and offer the following prayer over them:

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ
with his Church:
look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of
your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

