

# **Prayers of Love and Faith**

for use during a usual  
Holy Eucharist

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These (Dedication and Acclamation) are used immediately before the Intercessions.

## The Dedication

God of generosity and joy,  
with you is the well of life  
and in your light, we see light:  
we give you thanks for N and N,  
for the love and friendship they share,  
and for their commitment to one another.  
As they come before you this day,  
trusting you as the giver of all good gifts,  
strengthen their love by your love,  
gladden their hearts with your joy,  
and transform their journey through life  
into a pilgrimage of grace.  
By your blessing,  
and with you as their companion and guide,  
may they rejoice in hope and be sustained in love  
all the days of their life and in the age to come.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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Or:

Blessed are you, sovereign God,  
the author of all good things.

You have made us in your image  
to reflect your truth and light.

You have come to us in your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who called us no longer servants, but friends.

Pour out, we pray, the abundance of your grace  
upon N and N in their life together.

Bless them that, loving each other  
as you have loved them,

they may share in the blessings of your kingdom  
where goodness and mercy abound;

and bring them to feast with your saints for ever  
in your heavenly home,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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A prayer of commitment may be said  
by the couple together:

God of all good things,  
we offer you our lives,  
our hopes and hurts,  
our praise and promise,  
in a covenant of faith and hope.  
Unite our wills in your will,  
that we may support one another  
and show forth your love  
all the days of our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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After which the priest says:

May almighty God  
give you grace to persevere with joy,  
that he may complete  
the work he has begun in you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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The priest may say either of the  
'prayers when rings are worn':

God of faithfulness and joy,  
source of everlasting love,  
by your blessing, let these rings remind **N** and **N**  
of the commitment they have made to each other,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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Or:

Almighty God,  
whose love is revealed in Jesus Christ  
and poured out in the Holy Spirit:  
by your blessing, may these rings  
worn by your servants **N** and **N**  
be signs of their hope-filled covenant  
and of your everlasting love,  
in our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

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# Acclamation

This responsory acclamation may be said,  
or a hymn may be sung.

Where you go, I will go;

**Where you go, I will go;**

Where you dwell, I will dwell;

**Where you go, I will go.**

Your people shall be my people,

**Where you go, I will go;**

and your God shall be my God.

**Where you go, I will go.**

Ruth 1:16–17

# Prayers of Intercession

A minister or another person reads the set form of intercessions, in which the response is:

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# Preparation of the Table

“At the Preparation of the Table in a service of Holy Communion, one or both of the couple, or their family and friends, may be invited to bring the elements of bread and wine to the holy table.”

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The Eucharist continues as usual.

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