

The Rings

If a new ring (or new rings) is to be blessed, this prayer may be used

Heavenly Father, source of everlasting love,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ
and poured into our hearts through your Holy Spirit;
that love which many waters cannot quench,
neither the floods drown;
that love which is patient and kind,
enduring all things without end;
by your blessing, let *these rings* be to *N* and *N*
symbols to remind them of the covenant
made on their wedding day,
through your grace in the love of your Son
and in the power of your Spirit.

All **Amen.**

If a ring (or rings) is to be given these words are used

I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Or, if not, each may touch the wedding ring(s) with the words

I gave you this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prayers

The couple kneel together. The minister or others may pray, using these or similar prayers

God the Father,
God the Son,
God the Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve and keep you;
the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace
that you may please him both in body and soul,
and, living together in faith and love,
may receive the blessings of eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Blessed are you, heavenly Father.

All **You give joy to husband and wife.**

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All **You have brought new life to mankind.**

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit of God.

All **You bring us together in love.**

Blessed be Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **One God, to be praised for ever. Amen.**

Preface

We have come together in the presence of God
to give thanks [*with N and N*] for [*...years of*] married life,
[to ask his forgiveness for all that has been amiss,]
to rejoice together and to ask for God's blessing.
As our Lord Jesus Christ was himself a guest
at the wedding in Cana of Galilee,
so through his Spirit he is with us now.
Marriage is a gift of God in creation
and a means of his grace;
it is given that a husband and wife
may comfort and help each other,
living faithfully together
in times of need as well as in plenty,
in sadness and in joy, in sickness and in health;
it is given that with delight and tenderness
they may know each other in love.
[It is given as the foundation of family life
in which children may be born and nurtured
in accordance with God's will, to his praise and glory.]
In marriage a couple belong together
and live life in the community;
it is a way of life created and hallowed by God,
that all should honour.
Therefore we pray with them
that, strengthened and guided by God,
they may continue to fulfil his purpose
for their life together.

*Silence is kept for reflection on the years that have passed
and on shared experiences, good and bad.*

Readings and Sermon

*One or more passages from the Bible is read.
Psalms or hymns may follow the readings. Other songs and
readings may be used.
A sermon may be preached.*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**