**UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE – J1**

The priest or deacon begins:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

as we call to mind the special gift of grace and charity

by which God has been pleased to crown and consecrate

the love of our sister N. and our brother N.,

let us commend them to the Lord.

A reader continues:

That these faithful Christians, N. and N.,

newly joined in Holy Matrimony,

may always enjoy health and well-being,

let us pray to the Lord.

**R**. *Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer*. (or another appropriate response of the people)

That he will bless their covenant

as he chose to sanctify marriage at Cana in Galilee,

let us pray to the Lord. **R**.

That they be granted perfect and fruitful love,

peace and strength,

and that they bear faithful witness to the name of Christian,

let us pray to the Lord. **R**.

That the Christian people

may grow in virtue day by day

and that all who are burdened by any need

may receive the help of grace from above,

let us pray to the Lord. **R**.

That the grace of the Sacrament

will be renewed by the Holy Spirit

in all married persons here present,

let us pray to the Lord. **R**.

For all members of our families

who have passed from this world,

especially for:…

and for all the departed,

let us pray to the Lord. **R**.

The priest or deacon concludes:

Graciously pour out upon this husband and wife, O Lord,

the Spirit of your love,

to make them one heart and one soul,

so that nothing whatever may divide those you have joined

and no harm come to those you have filled with your blessing.

Through Christ our Lord.

**R**. *Amen*