**UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE - J2**

The priest or deacon begins:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us accompany this new family with our prayers,

that the mutual love of this couple may grow daily

and that God in His kindness

will sustain all families throughout the world.

A reader continues:

For this Bride and Groom,

and for their well-being as a family,

let us pray to the Lord.

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

For their relatives and friends,

and for all who have assisted this couple,

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

For young people preparing to enter Marriage,

and for all whom the Lord is calling to another state in life,

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

For all families throughout the world

and for lasting peace among all people,

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**.

For the Church, the holy People of God,

and for unity among all Christians,

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

The priest or deacon concludes:

Lord Jesus, who are present in our midst,

as N. and N. seal their union

accept our prayer

and fill us with your Spirit.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**R**. *Amen*