

**Solomon 2:10-13**

My beloved responded and said to me,  
'Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,  
And come along.

'For behold, the winter is past,  
The rain is over and gone.  
'The flowers have already appeared in the land;  
The time has arrived for pruning the vines,  
And the voice of the turtledove has been heard in our land.  
'The fig tree has ripened its figs,  
And the vines in blossom have given forth their fragrance.  
Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,  
And come along!'

**Book of Sirach 28:1-4, 13-16**

Blessed the husband of a good wife, twice-lengthened are his days; A worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life. A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the LORD; Be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face. A gracious wife delights her husband, her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones

A gift from the LORD is her governed speech, and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth. Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste person. Like the sun rising in the LORD'S heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

**From the book of 1st Chronicles chapter 16, verses 33-34:**

Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord, because he cometh to judge the earth. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. Amen.

**Prayer 1**

Almighty God, hear our prayers for Lauren and Brett who have come here today to be united in the sacrament of marriage. Increase their faith in you and in each other, and make their love fruitful so that they may be living witnesses to your divine love in the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.

**Prayer 2**

Our Father, love has been Your richest and Greatest gift to the world. Love between a man and a woman which matures into marriage is one of Your most beautiful types of loves. Today we celebrate that love. May your blessing be on this wedding service. Protect, guide, and bless Crystal and Matthew in their marriage. Surround them and us with Your love now and always. Amen.

**Prayer 3**

May God bless them and guide them on their journey together. May the divine Holy Spirit fill their hearts with unconditional love and understanding, and may their continued kindness, compassion, trust and faith in each other and in God, be a constant example of the grace and beauty that the gift of love embodies for all of us. Amen.

**Prayer 4**

You now have the opportunity for expressing through your union and partnership, God's glory, love and healing. How could this be? Through devotion and service to each other. Through patience, kindness, total acceptance of each other. You will be tempted, as time goes by, to take for granted the love which today seems so precious and dear. To speak to and treat each other in ways that do not reflect the highest good in both of you. Resist it. Promise to always see the goodness in your partner, even when it's especially difficult. God will provide you the way, if you are willing. He is the key to your success as a married couple. Call on Him devotedly and consistently to guide your thinking and bless your home. May this marriage be to you a heavenly sanctuary. God bless you.

### **Prayer 5 - Lord's Prayer**

**Jessica and Michael**, as you begin your married life together, may they always know your presence in good times and in bad is with each other.. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For their families, may they be good examples of love and faithfulness as they support **Jessica and Michael** in their marriage. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those family and friends who have entered into eternal life, **Alberta Spinden, Vernon Frenia, Donato Schiraldi, Harry Herman, and Andrew Kasper** may the memory of their presence in the Kingdom of God be an inspiration to **Jessica and Michael** throughout their lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those here present, may we find Christ's love for us mirrored in **Jessica and Michael's** love for each other. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

### **Prayer 6**

Let us pray for this new family created through the marriage of Americo and Sonia.

Father, you created us in love and saved us in mercy and through the bond of marriage you have established the family and willed that it should be a sign of your love for us. Shower your blessings on this new family created here today. Enable them, joined by one love, to create a home together and support one another. Make them responsive to the needs of others and witnesses to the faith in all they say and do. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.