

Consent - Vows – **Choose A or B**

Vows A: Since it is your intention to enter into marriage, join your right hands, and declare your consent before God and his Church.

Bride and Bridegroom join hands and face each other.

The bridegroom says:

I, N., take you N., to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

The bride says:

I, N., take you N., to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

Vows B: *In the dioceses of the United States, the following alternative form may be used:*

I, N., take you N., for my lawful wife (husband), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

Nuptial Blessing B:

Let us pray to the Lord for N. and N. who come to God's altar at the beginning of their married life so that they may always be united in love for each other.

All pray silently.

Holy Father, you created mankind in your own image and made man and woman to be joined as husband and wife in union of body and heart and so fulfill their mission in this world.

Father, to reveal the plan of your love, you made the union of husband and wife an image of the covenant between you and your people.

In fulfillment of this sacrament the marriage of Christian man and woman is a sign of the marriage between Christ and the Church. Father, stretch out your hand and bless N. and N.

Lord, grant that as they begin to live this sacrament they may share with each other the gifts of your love and become one in heart and mind as witnesses to your presence in their marriage. Help them to create a home together (and give them children to be formed by the gospel and to have a place in our family).

Give your blessings to N., your daughter, so that she may be a good wife (and mother), caring for the home, faithful in love for her husband, generous and kind. Give your blessings to N., you son, so that he may be a faithful husband (and a good father).

Father, grant that as they come together they may one day have the joy of sharing your feast in heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Nuptial Blessing A:

My dear friends, let us ask God for his continued blessings upon the bridegroom and his bride. (or N. and N.).

All pray silently.

Holy Father, creator of the universe, maker of man and woman in your own likeness, source of blessing for married life, we humbly pray to you for this woman who today is united with her husband in this sacrament of marriage.

May your fullest blessing come upon her and her husband so that they may together rejoice in your gift of married love (and enrich your Church with their children).

Lord, may they both praise you when they are happy and turn to you in their sorrows.
May they be glad that you help them in their work and know that you are with them in their need.
May they pray to you in the community of the Church, and be your witnesses in the world.
May they reach old age in the company of their friends, and come at last to the kingdom of heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.