

A PRAYER FOR HARRY AND MEGHAN  
(And all couples getting married this summer)

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life,  
author of salvation and giver of all grace:  
look with favor upon the world you have made and redeemed,  
and especially upon Harry and Meghan.

Give them wisdom and devotion in their common life,  
that each may be to the other  
a strength in need, a comfort in sorrow,  
a counselor in perplexity, and a companion in joy.

Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will,  
and their spirits in your Spirit,  
that they may grow in love and peace  
with you and each other all the days of their life.

Give them the courage,  
when they hurt each other,  
to recognize and confess their fault,  
and the grace to seek your forgiveness,  
and to forgive each other.

Make their life together  
a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world,  
that unity may overcome estrangement,  
forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair.

Give them such fulfillment of their mutual love  
that they may reach out in concern for others.

Give to them, if it is you will, the gift of children,  
and the wisdom to bring them up  
to know you, to love you, and to serve you.

Grant that all who have witnessed these vows today  
may find their lives strengthened,  
and that all who are married  
may depart with their own promises renewed.

Enrich with your grace all spouses, all parents and children,  
that, loving and supporting one another,  
they may serve those in need and be a sign of your kingdom.

Grant that the bonds of our common humanity,  
by which all your children are united to one another,  
may be so transformed by your Spirit  
that your peace and justice may fill the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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