

The couple are invited to kneel

Prayers for God's Blessing

God of generosity and joy,
with you is the well of life and in your light,
we see light: we give you thanks for *N* and *N*,
for the love and friendship they share,
and for their commitment to one another.

As they come before you this day,
trusting you as the giver of all good gifts,
strengthen their love by your love,
and gladden their hearts with your joy,
that their journey through life
may become a pilgrimage of grace.

By your blessing and with you
as their companion and guide, may they rejoice
in hope and be sustained in love
all the days of their life and in the age to come,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord bless you + and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;
this day and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Holy Spirit of God,
you know our strength
and have compassion on our frailty.
Be with *N* and *N* in all they undertake.
And grant that we their friends,
with all who become their friends,
may love and support them in the years ahead;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All Stand.

The Peace

God is love and those who live in love
live in God and God lives in them.

1 John 4:16

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

The deacon says:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace, shaking each others
hand and saying, "peace, be with you."*

The Offertory Hymn follows here.

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St James' Church, Weybridge PRAYERS OF LOVE & FAITH

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The Prayers of Love and Faith are offered as resources in
praying with and for a same-sex couple who love one
another and who wish to give thanks for and mark that
love in faith before God.

To celebrate in God's presence the commitment two
people have made to each other is an occasion for rejoicing.
These texts are offered to express thanksgiving and hope,
with prayer that those who are dedicating their life together
to God may grow in faith, love and service as God's blessing
rests upon them.

Prayers of Faith & Love are included in a Eucharist and
immediately follow on from the Sermon/Homily.

The congregation remains Seated.

Introduction

Dear friends in Christ,
we gather with *N* and *N* to celebrate with them
their love, faithfulness, and commitment.
We come to hear God's holy word,
and to surround *N* and *N*
with our love and prayer
as they seek the blessings of God's kingdom
in their life together.

*The couple are invited to move forward to the
chancel step to stand before the priest.*

Prayer for the fruit of the Spirit

Almighty God,
you send your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of all your people.
Open the hearts of *N* and *N*
to the riches of your grace,
that they may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The couple say together:

God of all good things, we offer you our lives,
our hopes and hurts, our praise and promise,
in a covenant of faith and hope.
Unite our wills in your will,
that we may support one another
and show forth your love
all the days of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

