The Blessing of the Marriage

The people remain standing. The husband and wife kneel, and the Priest says one of the following prayers.

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the cross to be the way of life. We thank you, also, for consecrating the union of man and woman in his Name.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this man and this woman. Defend them from every enemy.

Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads.
Bless them in their work and in their com-pan-ion-ship; in their sleep-ing and
in their wak-ing; in their joys and in their sor-rows; in their life and in their
death. Fi-nal-ly, in your mer-cy, bring them to that table where your saints
feast for ev-er in your heav-en-ly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
with you and the Ho-ly Spir-it lives and reigns, one God, for ev-er and
ev-er. A-men. or this

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is re-pre-
sent-ed the spirit-u-al un-i-ty between Christ and his Church: Send there-fore
your blessing upon these your ser-vants, that they may so love, honor, and
cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The husband and wife still kneeling, the Priest adds this blessing

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. Amen.