

# **First Reading**

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for

the man.

So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said:

"This one, at last, is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

This one shall be called 'woman,'

For out of 'her man' this one has been taken."



That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

The word of the Lord



# Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

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Prayer of the Faithful

**Opening Prayer** 

1. We pray that the love of bride \_\_\_\_\_ and groom \_\_\_\_\_ may grow deeper each day and may that love strengthen and comfort them on their journey through life together. We pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer

We pray for the parents of Bride \_\_\_\_\_ and Groom \_\_\_\_\_\_for their family and friends and all who have helped them to become husband and wife.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer

3. May all married couples here today be reminded of the joy of their own day. May they give thanks for the happiness they have known and may each day find them more devoted to each other than the last.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer



4. As we gather to celebrate this joyful day, we remember the faithful departed whom we have loved. May they watch over us today and join with us in love.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer

5. We pray for the private intentions of all here present, that God may grant you and your loved ones your requests, and guide you happily through life.

We pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer