

MARRIAGE BLESSING

Delores Dufner, OSB

May God bless your togetherness,
throughout your lives be near.
And may your hearts, now joined in love,
grow fonder year by year.

May trust enable you to tell
the things you think and feel,
your lips be slow to fault or blame
but quick to praise and heal.

May sharing bring your joy increase
and lessen sorrow's pain,
your friendship deepen day by day,
as youth and beauty wane.

Within a home where peace is sown,
may cherished dreams take root.
May Jesus bring your love, full bloom,
to bear abundant fruit.

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John 15:5–16

In this marriage blessing, the assembly prays for the newly married couple to love as Jesus did, sharing their thoughts and feelings, joys and sorrows, forgiving and healing one another's hurts.

At the Last Supper, Jesus said to his disciples, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you....I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last..." (John 15:12, 16).

Families and friends sing this prayer for a peace-filled home where dreams are nurtured, where love grows and brings forth fruit in abundance. This blessing reminds us that, loving as Jesus loved, husband and wife will expand the circle of love to bear fruit beyond their immediate family.

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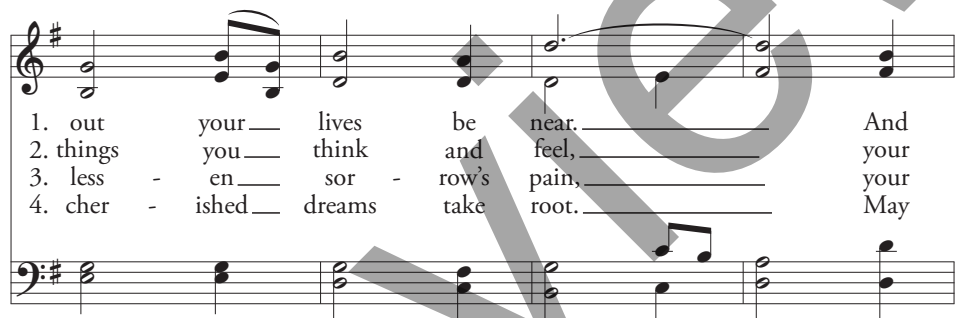
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