

## Renewal of Commitment for Married Couples

*Following the homily*

**Bishop:**

Dear friends,  
on the anniversary of that celebration  
at which you joined your lives in the unbreakable bond  
through the Sacrament of Matrimony,  
you now intend to renew before the Lord  
the promises you made to one another.  
Turn to the Lord in prayer,  
that these vows may be strengthened by divine grace.

*The couples then face one another and quietly renew their commitment.*

**The husband:**

Blessed are you, Lord,  
for by your goodness I took N. as my wife.

**The wife:**

Blessed are you, Lord,  
for by your goodness I took N. as my husband.

*The couples say together:*

Blessed are you, Lord,  
for in the good and the bad times of our life  
you have stood lovingly by our side.  
Help us, we pray,  
to remain faithful in our love for one another,  
so that we may be true witnesses  
to the covenant you have made with humankind.

**Bishop:**

May the Lord keep you safe all the days of your life.  
May he be your comfort in adversity  
and your support in prosperity.  
May he fill your home with his blessings.  
through Christ our Lord.

**Bishop:**

We praise you, O God, we bless you, Creator of all things,  
who in the beginning made man and woman  
that they might form a communion of life and love.  
We also give you thanks  
for graciously blessing the family life  
of your servants gathered here,  
so that it might present an image  
of Christ's union with the Church.  
Therefore look with kindness upon them today,  
and as you have sustained their communion  
amid joys and struggles,  
renew their Marriage covenant each day,  
increase their charity,  
and strengthen in them the bond of peace,  
so that they may for ever enjoy your blessing.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**