

Blessing at the Wedding of Katherine Nann and Michael DeCarlo on the lawn of the Connecticut River Museum, in Essex, Connecticut, on September 10, 2011, the original location having been closed by Hurricane Irene a week before.

I thank you, O Lord, for you are good, Your mercy endures forever
and acclaim you for this day, for this celebration, and for this food.
Let us give thanks to those who gathered the food,
to those who prepared it and to those who are serving it,
and also thanks to those who have made this place commodious,
the tent smiths, this band , and the museum's director.
Dear Lord, please bless the parents of the bride and groom,
who gave them birth, and nourished them with love,
and taught them by their good example.
Please bless their siblings, their relatives and friends.
And especially bless Katie and Mike,
who committed themselves to each other today
in the bonds of holy matrimony,
with such a love as is contagious,
with such a love as mitigates the sudden storms,
with such a love as makes irrelevant power blowouts at beach clubs.
Please, Lord, keep this loving couple in the shelter of your wings,
in good health and good cheer for decades to come.