

Prayer Topic #9:

A Prayer for Married Couples

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 98, Genesis 2:15-25

Reflections of the Heart:

Marriage is not just a relationship; it's a covenant. You're not just committed to a person; you're committed to a purpose – one that God designed from the beginning to bring Him glory. Since it was designed by the Creator Himself, He alone is the best reference for maintaining and enjoying it.

Scriptural Prayer:

Exalted Father, thank You for Your great love that continues from generation to generation! Thank You for the married couples in the Body of Christ. Thank You for encouraging and blessing our marriages. With our whole being we praise You. We rejoice in knowing that You are our God, and that we are the people You watch over and the flock under Your care. Thank You, Lord! We bless Your holy Name! We stand in awe of You and Your unfailing love for us. You are the Master who motivates our hearts toward all that is good. We acknowledge Your sovereignty over our marriages. We will sing a new song to You, Lord, for the wonderful deeds You have done. We shout with joy and worship You with gladness. We come before You singing with joy. You are the Lord, our Father, who made us and we are Yours!

Heavenly Father, we expect Your Kingdom to come and Your will to be done in our marriages today. We decree that our husbands will love their wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it. We decree that our wives will submit themselves to their own husbands as unto the Lord. Holy Spirit, we expect You to lead us into all truth as it pertains to the covenant of marriage. We confess that our married couples are not prisoners of the spirit of fear; but they have power, love and self-discipline to help them keep their marriage covenant pure. In Jesus' Name, our husbands will love with their wives like Christ loves the church and they will cherish them as the manifested gift of God's favor. Our wives will honor their husbands and will adorn themselves as Sarah did, not with material elegance, but with a quiet and peaceful spirit which You love, Lord God. As the Body of Christ, we decree that our married couples will daily aspire to the greater love that Jesus personified and live a servant's life before one another. They will provoke one another to good works and celebrate one another's gifts. We confess that they will commit to encourage and build one another up in the Lord!

Magnificent Father, help each spouse to love for their mate unconditionally. Teach them to freely issue mercy and to forgive quickly without allowing grudges to form. Anoint their union as husband and wife, so that their children are blessed with a stable and nurturing home and the unsaved are given hope concerning the sanctity of marriage. When our married couples speak of one another, whether in public or private, please season their tongues with grace. Help our married couples to stay committed to truth and to cover one another's weaknesses with unyielding love.

Father, as a spouse, I commit to making my marriage better by:

Father, as a single person, I commit to praying for the following marriage(s):

Holy Father, forgive our married couples when they don't offer grace and mercy to each other. For those couples who hearts have grown cold toward each other, rekindle the fire and passion. Forgive them for the times they've become so distracted with the cares of this world that they have neglected their responsibility to one another. Father, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind our married couples of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Awesome Father, help our married couples not to yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

We worship You, O Great Deliverer! All praise belongs to You. You are the Lord God of Israel who alone does such wonderful things. We will praise Your glorious Name forever. Let the whole earth be filled with Your glory, in Jesus' Name, Amen!

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 95:7, Psalm 98:1, Psalm 100:1-3, Matthew 6:10, Ephesians 5:22-

25, II Timothy 1:7, Proverbs 18:22, I Peter 3:3-7, John 15:13, Hebrews 10:24, I Thessalonians 5:11, Colossians 4:6, I Peter 4:8, Psalm 72:18-19

Today I will trust God to:
