

Petition:
A Prayer for Troubled Marriages

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 96, Genesis 2:8-25

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:

Holy Father, thank You for the precious covenant of marriage. It is the foundation of Your divine design for marriage and the procreation of all humankind. Thank You for being our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. We will ever be grateful to You for sending Your Word to heal us. You are rule throughout all generations; always keeping Your promises and being gracious in all that You do. We delight in knowing that Your unfailing love toward those of us who fear You is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. Compassionate Father, thank You for showing Your great love for by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. May Your glory continue forever and may You take pleasure in all that You have made! We will sing to You as long as we live. We will praise You, Our God, to our last breath. Bless Your holy Name!

Omnipotent Father, we decree and declare that there is no pain or hurt the the married couples of Windsor Village UMC can ever experience that Your grace cannot cover. Your power works best in their weakness. We proclaim that every husband and wife within our Church Family takes heed to what they hear from those who are anointed and appointed to teach them Your Word. The closer they listen, the more understanding they receive. Even though Satan, the accuser, tries to oppress our married couples on every hand, we confess that they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. They may be pressed on every side, but we declare that they are not crushed. They may be perplexed, but we decree that they are not driven to despair. They may be hunted down, but we declare that they are never abandoned. Whenever they are knocked down, we proclaim that they are not destroyed. We confess that our married couples are tender-hearted toward one another. They do not act selfishly and are not interested in trying to impress others outside of their marriage. But they are humble and they think of one another as better than themselves.

Holy Spirit, deliver those married couples within Windsor Village UMC who feel defeated and discouraged. Help them to denounce pride and anger. Teach them to love one another as the Father has loved them both. Renew their hope in the power of God's Word and lead them to seek the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts. Show them how to disagree without being disagreeable and to stay away from foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights.

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):

Beloved Father, forgive the married couples within our Church Family who have lived only to satisfy their own sinful nature. Forgive them for not heeding to the voice of the Holy Spirit when they had a chance. Make them aware of how their witness effects those around them. Forgive them for not tapping into readily available resources at the Church that can help them transform their relationship. Forgive those of us within our Church Family who have gossiped or slandered those whose marriages we know are struggling. We repent for not giving them the support and love they need from us. Lord, please forgive me for **(list any sins that you have**

committed). Holy Spirit, remind those with troubled marriages of those they need to forgive and help them be quick to forgive. As for me Holy Spirit, please 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 out loud, "I forgive name of person(s)").**

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

Lord, You are King! Let the earth rejoice! Let the farthest coastlands be glad. Dark clouds surround You. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne. Fire spreads ahead of You and burns up all Your foes. Your lightning flashes out across the world. The earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before You, O Lord. The heavens proclaim Your righteousness; every nation sees Your glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 46:1, Psalm 107:20, Psalm 145:13, Psalm 103:11, Romans 5:8, Psalm 104: 31, 33-34, II Corinthians 12:9, Mark 4:24, Revelation 12:11, II Corinthians 4:8-9, Philippians 2:3, II Timothy 2:22-23, Galatians 6:8, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 97:1-6

Today I will trust God to:
