

# MARRIAGE

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Replace ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' with the name(s) of the one(s) for whom you are praying

Heavenly Father, I exalt You. I come into Your presence with thanksgiving. I confess my sins to You and ask Your forgiveness. Bless \_\_\_\_\_, my spouse, bless me and bless our marriage, Father. Thank You for the many blessings you have already given us. I ask Your help in making and keeping our marriage vibrantly healthy.

*“Haven't you read, Jesus replied 'that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female' and said, 'For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate.' ”* Matthew 19:4-6 Lord God, help me to make my spouse the most important person on earth to me, to be loved, honored and cherished above all others. Help us to cleave together and never separate.

Thank You for the holy institution of marriage. Help us focus our energy on You and on keeping our marriage vows. Bless our marriage each day. Help us to really listen to one another, then work out fair compromises. Help our agreement on finances. Most gracious Heavenly Father, Teach us to be gracious and kind. Help us celebrate each day. Help this marriage work to Your honor, glory and praise.

*“Encourage one another and build each other up... Hold them in the highest regard in love...Live in peace with each other... Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other...Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances...Do not put out the Spirit's fire...Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil. May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.”* I Thessalonians 5:11,13,15-19,21-23a God of peace, help us encourage one another, build each other up, and hold one another in the highest regard. Help us live in peace, be joyful, and pray continually with thanksgiving. Help us nourish the Spirit's fire and hold on to the good, avoiding every kind of evil. Sanctify us through and through. Thank You.

These things I ask in the mighty name of Jesus, and for His sake. I await in patient, believing expectation. Amen.

(The prayer above is complete, however, if you wish further suggestions, they are provided on the following page for your convenience.)

*“This is what the Lord says: Maintain justice and do what is right...Blessed is the man... who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil... And...bind themselves to the Lord to serve Him, to love the name of the LORD and to worship Him...and who hold fast to My covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer...”* Isaiah 56:1-2, 6-7 Dear God, help us to remain focused on You and on one another. Help us to maintain justice and do what is right. Help us to keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and keep our hands from doing any evil. Help us to bind ourselves to You to serve You, to love Your name, and to worship You. Help us to hold fast to Your covenant. Help us to joyfully pray together often and frequently be in your house of prayer to receive Your joy.

*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.”* Romans 12:2 Father, help us to not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but to be transformed by renewing our minds and testing and approving what Your will is. Help us to remain in Your good, pleasing and perfect will.

*“Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well...let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers. May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. A loving doe, a graceful deer... may you satisfy one another always, may you ever be captivated by her love. Why be captivated... by adultery?”* Proverbs 5:15,17-20 O Lord, help us always to be faithful and true to one another.

*“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the one who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.”* Ecclesiastes 4:9-12a Lord, I pray that You guide us to always work together for our common good, helping one another rather than working against one another. Help us to communicate openly, so that each is keenly aware of and in agreement with our priorities and goals. Teach us to be supportive of one another, building one another up and standing together. Help us to be sensitive to one another’s feelings and to bestow blessings and praise upon one another at every opportunity.

*“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”* Ephesians 5:15-21 Lord, help us to be wise and joyful in our love for You and for one another. Help us to be still and know You are God. Help us to be filled with the Spirit, sing, and celebrate Your love for us as well as our love for one another. I pray that we remember to give thanks to You, the Father, for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us the peace that passes understanding in radiant love, trust and hope.

These things I ask in the mighty name of Jesus, and for His sake. I await in patient, believing expectation. Amen.