

Prayer Intentions for Marriage, the Reality of God’s Plan for Creation

Bring prayer for marriage into your family, your organizations and parishes using these prayer intentions. They not only unite people in prayer for marriage, they provide catechesis and reflections about the reality of love and marriage. For example, “marriage, the reality that unites a man and a woman with each other and any children born from their relationship” expresses marriage (Catechism, §1603), procreation, mother and fatherhood, irreplaceability of persons, kinship, the family, the good of children, and the potential for infertility. It reflects how marriage has been recognized by every culture, by civil laws, and by every religion since the beginning of time. It is the reality of God’s plan for creation.

These prayers can be offered one at a time at Mass when the priest asks for intentions. Explore having them integrated into the prayers of the faithful in your parish.

Use them in family prayer, perhaps including one as part of the prayer before meals.

Consider including a marriage prayer intention as part of an opening prayer at meetings, or as an intention for a decade of the Rosary.

(Response for each: “Lord hear our prayer”)

For marriage, the reality that unites a man and a woman with each other and any children born from their relationship. Let us pray to the Lord.

For marriage, which prepares a man and a woman to receive new life as a gift because they have first chosen to make themselves irreplaceable to each other. Let us pray to the Lord.

That people may promote the reality of marriage in a way that reduces the number of children deprived of a married mother and father. Let us pray to the Lord.

That people may respond to the call to promote the centrality and integrity of marriage for children and society. Let us pray to the Lord.

For laws and a culture that recognize the centrality and integrity of marriage for children and society. Let us pray to the Lord.

For an understanding that love means willing and acting toward the good of the other and receiving the other as a gift of infinite value. Let us pray to the Lord.

For an understanding that every person’s dignity and value comes from God’s infinite love for them, and not from their ability or status in life. Let us pray to the Lord.

For an understanding that being made in the image of God the Trinity means we are made for relationship, made for love, and made for dependence on one another. Let us pray to the Lord.

For an understanding of the “we”— always the “we”: conceived in relationship, gestated in relationship, born into relationship, and united in relationship through Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

For married couples, that they continue to live their vocation of love as a communion of persons reflecting the love of the Trinity. Let us pray to the Lord.

For Prayers of the Faithful during Mass

Beginning

Priest: God the Father, source of all life and love, designed marriage to unite a man and woman to each other and any children born from their relationship. Let us pray to him in sincerity of heart as we pray for marriage today.

Conclusion

Priest: Almighty God, you have made Christian marriage the sign of the unity between Christ and his Church. Hear our prayers that all married couples love each other as Christ loves his Church. Help us as we build a culture supporting the reality of love, marriage, and family as you intended. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



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