



PRAYERS FOR A STRONG & Loving MARRIAGE

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Payer is an essential ingredient in building a solid marriage. Here are some prayers to guide you as you pray—individually or as a couple—for your relationship.

PROTECTION. Lord Jesus, You desire our marriage to last a lifetime. Protect, preserve, and sustain it. Do not allow sin, the enemy, circumstances, difficulties, or other people to separate what You have joined together. (Mal. 2:13-16; Mt. 19:3-9)

UNITY. Knit our hearts together in complete unity. Teach us how to address things that hinder our relationship, and help us work through our differences with compassion and gentleness. Enable us to rejoice in and encourage each other's strengths and gifts, and empower us through Your Spirit to overcome individual weaknesses and sins. (Eph. 5:31; Col. 3:12; 1 Cor. 12:4-27; Gal. 5:16)

LOVE. Father, let us always treat each other with the utmost respect. Help us speak the truth in love by honestly and openly sharing our thoughts and feelings with each other. Cause us to be kind and compassionate to each other, forgiving one another, just as You have forgiven us. Deliver us from jealousy, pride, rudeness, selfishness, and thoughtlessness. Grant us a love that always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. May our love for each other never fail. (Eph. 4:15, 32; 1 Cor. 13:4-8)

HUSBAND'S PRAYER:

Faithful Father, help me to love _____ sacrificially, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her. May I never be harsh toward my wife but instead honor and cherish her. I recognize that I am not independent of my wife, so help me to understand her needs, to draw on her wisdom and strength, and to treat her with tenderness and humility as my partner in Your blessings. Let me display an unselfish spirit at all times. (Eph. 5:25-33; Col. 3:19; 1 Cor. 11:11; 1 Pet. 3:7; Phil. 2:3-4)



WIFE'S PRAYER:

Glorious Father, help me to submit to _____ as to the Lord. Enable me to honor and respect him as my head, just as Christ is the head of the church. I recognize that I am not independent of my husband, so help me to rely on his guidance and care. Grant me the beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, and teach me how to be a suitable helper for him. Let me be an excellent wife who is her husband's joy and crown! (Eph. 5:22-24, 33; 1 Cor. 11:11; 1 Pet. 3:1-6; Gen. 2:18; Prov. 12:4)

PHYSICAL INTIMACY. Kindle the passion between us, God. Give us a hunger for each other, and let us be satisfied with one another. Keep our union pure and holy in every way. (S. of S. 7:10; Prov. 5:15-19; Heb. 13:4; 1 Pet. 1:15-16)

WHOLENESS. Father, You heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds. Heal the emotional wounds that threaten to create strife in our marriage. Make us sensitive to each other's needs, and enable us to minister to one another in areas of hurt. Burden us to pray for each other, Lord. (Ps. 147:3; Jas. 5:16)

INTIMACY WITH GOD. Father, draw us closer to You with gentle cords of love. Give us hearts to seek and serve You all the days of our lives. (Hos. 11:4; Ps. 27:4)

GUIDANCE. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Guide us into all truth and teach us to obey Your Word. Help us build our lives and marriage on Your truth so that we will stand perfect and complete in Your will for us. (Ps. 119:105, 25:5; Mt. 7:24-25; Col. 4:12)

FINANCES. Thank You, Father, that You know exactly what we need before we ask. We depend on You to provide our material needs. Train us to be content in whatever state we are in, and make us good stewards of what You have entrusted to us. When we encounter financial difficulties, unite us through love and acceptance. (Mt. 6:8, 25-33; Phil. 4:11-13; 1 Tim. 6:6-8; Lk. 19:11-24)

PARENTING. Lord, help us to bring up our children in Your training and instruction. Give us one mind as we discipline them, and teach us to do so in Your righteousness, justice, mercy, and truth. Grant us wisdom regarding their needs, and help us to guide them with godly counsel. May we inspire our children to honor us as their parents so that they will have long and blessed lives. (Eph. 6:1-4; Prov. 13:24; Ps. 89:14)

FAITHFULNESS. Thank You, Father, for pouring out Your blessings on our marriage. May our union reflect Your covenantal faithfulness as we strive to relate to one another in ways that glorify You. (Dt. 7:9; Heb. 8:7-10; 1 Cor. 10:31)

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