

Prayer Topic #4:
A Prayer for Marriages

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 98, Malachi 2:13-16

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! 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. Gracious Father, thank You for demonstrating Your great love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Your precious Son, Jesus Christ, died for our sins. 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. Lord, You reign! Let the peoples tremble! You dwell between the cherubim. Let the earth be moved! You are great in Zion, and You are high above all the peoples. Let them praise Your great and awesome Name - You are holy!

Heavenly Father, we expect Your Kingdom to come and Your will to be done in the marriages of Your children 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, as a corporate body of believers, we expect You to lead us into all truth as it pertains to the covenant of marriage. When tendencies toward selfish gain begin to rise, we declare that our married couples will refuse to lean upon their own understanding, but will instead acknowledge You, Father God, in all their ways. We confess that our married couples are never subject to the spirit of fear, but they have power, love and self-control to help them keep their covenant pure before You. Lord, we confess that our husbands will live with their wives according to knowledge and they will cherish them as the manifested gift of God's favor. We declare that 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 confess that our married couples will daily aspire to the greater love that Jesus personified and live a servant's life before one another. We declare that 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 keep a heart of unconditional love for their mates. Teach them to freely issue mercy and to forgive quickly without allowing grudges to form. Anoint their unity together as husbands and wives, so that their children will be given stability and assurance, and the unsaved will be given hope. When they speak of one another, whether in public or private, please season their tongues with grace. Help our married couples 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 for being too stubborn to offer grace and mercy to their spouses when they should have. Where they have grown cold-hearted, make their hearts tender toward their spouses. 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. Lord, please forgive me for **(list any sins that you have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind those who are married of those they need to forgive and help them be quick to forgive. 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)."**)

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, Amen and Amen!

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 95:7, Romans 5:8, Psalm 99:1-3, Psalm 103:17, Matthew 6:10, Ephesians 5:17-29, John 16:13, Proverbs 3:6, II Timothy 1:7, I Peter 3:1-7, Proverbs 18:22, John 15:13, Hebrews 10:24, I Thessalonians 5:11, Matthew 5:7, Ephesians 4:26, Colossians 4:6, I Peter 4:8, Mark 4:18-20, Psalm 72:18-19

Today I will trust God to:
