

Prayer Intentions for Reality of Marriage

Bring prayer for marriage into your family, your organizations and parishes using these suggested prayer intentions. They not only unite people in prayer for marriage, they provide catechesis and reflections about the reality of love and marriage.

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")

1. On this World Marriage Sunday, we pray for a greater understanding of the reality of marriage that unites a man and a woman with each other and **any** children born from their union. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. For marriage, the choice of a man and woman to make themselves irreplaceable to each other in preparation for receiving a new person from their union as a gift. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. For laws and a society that respect the right of children to be raised in a family with their mother and father united in marriage. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. For married men and women, who have opened their hearts to bring a children who have lost their mother and father into their circle of irreplaceability through adoption. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. For married men and women without children, who live their vocation of love in ways that witness the reality of marriage and gives life to the community around them. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. For our nation's leaders, that they may have the courage to work to restore the reality of marriage as a privileged institution that unites children with their mother and father.¹ Let us pray to the Lord.
7. That the right of young people to be granted "freedom in seeking and knowing the truth"² about love, marriage, family and sexuality be protected and defended. Let us pray to the Lord.
8. For all Christians, that we may recognize our duty to protect children's rights by recognizing, protecting and promoting the reality of marriage as the foundation of the family of common ancestry. Let us pray to the Lord.
9. That society evaluates laws, institutions and curricula by how well they promote men and women marrying before having children. Let us pray to the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful World Marriage Sunday

Priest Begins: God the Father, source of all life and love, designed marriage to not only unite a man and woman with each other but with any children born from their union. Let us pray to him in sincerity of heart as we pray for marriage today.

Priest Concludes: 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.



¹ Not all married men and women have children but all children have mothers and fathers.

² Centesimus Annus §155