

Praying Together For God's Protection Over Your Marriage

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” – Colossians 4:2

Praying the following prayers together as a couple will help strengthen and protect your marriage.

- Begin by praising and thanking God. Praise Him for bringing you together to encourage and help each other follow Him. *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ”* (Ephesians 1:3).
- Pray that you will *“be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Ephesians 5:18-20).
- Pray Psalm 25:4-5: *“Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”*
- Pray that *“you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:32).
- As you think about Satan’s temptations that we face in our culture and lives, pray 2 Corinthians 7:1: *“Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”*
- Ask God to help you as you face temptations and discouragements to allow your *“love to be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer”* (Romans 12:9-12).
- Ask God to continue to help you *“to be conformed to the image of His Son”* (Romans 8:29).
- Ask Him to help you *“throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith”* (Hebrews 12:1-2).
- Ask the Lord not to allow Satan’s destructive efforts to distract you and get your eyes, heart, and minds off *“the race marked out for us”* (Hebrews 12:1).
- Ask God to help you defeat Satan’s attacks by following Jesus’ command: *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind”* (Matthew 22:37). Then to follow His second command: *“Love your neighbor as yourself”* (Matthew 22:39). Pray that this will begin with your closest neighbor--your husband or wife, with whom you are one.
- Close by praying that you will follow 1 Corinthians 10:31: *“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”*

If you pray together regularly with these Scriptures, you can count on this promise from James 4:7:
“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”