

## **A Prayer for Married Couples**

Father of life and love,  
You created us in your image – woman and man.  
We rejoice and thank you for the gift of each other.  
Sustain us in our love  
and lead us to a deeper understanding of your love.

Jesus, we come before you,  
seeking your guidance and direction  
in our relationship.  
In marriage you call and challenge us  
to a permanent, exclusive and sacred friendship.  
Be our strength and support, therefore,  
as we continue this journey together.

Holy Spirit, help us to strive towards a lasting,  
honest commitment united in love.  
Give us your strength to carry each other  
in times of darkness,  
your joy in times of happiness,  
and your gift of awe in the uniqueness  
and sacredness of each other.  
May our love be a reflection and  
a sign of your love in the world.  
Amen.

## **Prayer of a Couple on the Anniversary of Marriage**

We praise you, O God,  
we bless you, Creator of all things,  
who in the beginning made man and woman  
that they might form a communion of life and love.

We also give you thanks  
for graciously blessing our family life  
so that it might present an image of Christ's union with the Church.

Therefore, look with kindness upon us today,  
and as you have sustained our communion  
amid joys and struggles,  
renew our Marriage covenant each day,  
increase our charity,  
and strengthen in us the bond of peace,  
so that we may for ever enjoy your blessing.  
Through Christ our Lord  
Amen.