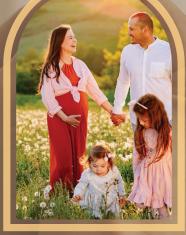
MARRIAGE



one flesh, given and received

Natural Family Planning

...supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage

Prayer for Husbands and Wives to Embrace God's Plan for Married Love and the Gift of Life

Readings from the Books of Genesis and Ephesians:

God created mankind in His image; in the image of God, He created them; male and female He created them. God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.

(Genesis 1:27-28)

For this reason, a man shall leave [his] father and [his] mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.

(Ephesians 5: 31-332)

Let us pray,

Lord God,

Send forth your Holy Spirit to open the minds and hearts of your children, so that they may discover your gifts of marriage and family.

Grant, we pray, that they may reject all falsehood.

Strengthen married couples so that they may fulfill their mission to reveal your spousal love in the world and to steward the gift of life.

Heal any brokenness in them and help them to reject all that harms fidelity and fruitfulness.

Bestow your grace upon husbands and wives that they may be open to life and be transformed by your divine love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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