

# Prayers of the Faithful: National Marriage Week 2019

### Mass in Celebration of the Gift of Marriage

The following prayer intentions can be selected for use during the prayers of the faithful.

*For our parish and community*: may we promote and defend the beautiful gift of marriage and the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all married couples as they continue to live their vocation of love: may they witness to the eternal love of God and grow closer to each other daily. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all those suffering from troubled or broken marriages: may they come to know healing and forgiveness through the Father's endless love. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all those discerning their vocations: may they be guided by the Holy Spirit working in their hearts to recognize and respond to the call of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all expectant mothers and fathers as they prepare to welcome the gift of life: may they be encouraged and supported in their roles as first educators of their children and primary models of Christian living.

## **Prayer Intentions for National Marriage Week**

#### Thursday, February 7

For an increased recognition and protection of the unique institution of marriage between one man and one woman, especially in our nation. Let us pray to the Lord.

#### Friday, February 8

For all couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage: may this time of engagement deepen their faith, hope, and love, and draw them closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the fount of life and holiness. Let us pray to the Lord.

#### Saturday, February 9

For all couples bearing the cross of infertility: may they be comforted by the maternal embrace of the Mother of God and be blessed with spiritual fruitfulness. Let us pray to the Lord.

### Monday, February 11

For all those who are suffering from physical or mental illness, for their spouses, families and caregivers, that through the intercession of Our Lady, may they find strength, peace and healing. Let us pray to the Lord.

#### **Tuesday, February 12**

For all married couples and families in our parish and community: may they strive daily to witness to the love of God as they build a domestic church established in His name.

#### Wednesday, February 13

For all couples struggling in their marriages, may they entrust themselves and their family to the loving hands of God, the Creator and source of Love. Let us pray to the Lord.

#### Thursday, February 14

For all married couples, may their lives witness to the beauty of married life as a participation in God's love, and inspire courage in those discerning their vocation. Let us pray to the Lord.



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