



12 Powerful Verses to
Pray Over Your
Marriage
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Growth in Christ

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. -Colossians 2:6-7

Pray God will strengthen your faith and practice gratitude every day for the good and the hard. Our character is most refined through the hard. Will we allow life's struggles to make us broken or brave?

Unity & Oneness

Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. -Philippians 2:2

Pray that as you both seek the Lord, you come into unity with one another. When you both have the mind of Christ, your marriage will thrive in harmony.

Love & Affection

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. -1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Pray that God would stir up more love in more ways, in hard ways; in ways the world would consider crazy. Where someone else would say, "I could never do that". Because as we live for Christ, He lives through us and empowers us to do the impossible.

Faithfulness & Purity

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. -Hebrews 13:4

Pray for your heart to remain steadfast and faithful to the vows you made to your husband. Pray your heart and mind would think on good and lovely things. Pray this also for your husband.

Communication & Understanding

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. -James 1:19

Pray that God would help you be more apt to listen than to speak. Listening is a skill we sometimes need to learn and practice.

Forgiveness & Grace

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. -Ephesians 4:32

Pray God gives you the courage and strength to forgive and walk in grace. It's hard when we're on the receiving end of the hurt because it seems like forgiveness releases someone of consequences, but it doesn't; it releases you from being prisoner to them and the pain.

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Peace & Protection

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. -Philippians 4:7

Pray for peace for your husband and protection over your marriage. Make no mistake, anything and everything will be working to divide you. You need to be ready for battle. You need to be prepared to recognize it's not your husband who is the enemy, it's the principalities of this world, our own self-serving desires, and Satan who seeks to destroy anything good.

Friendship & Companionship

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. -Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Pray that God provides opportunities for you and your husband to become real friends and truly enjoy one another.

Strength in Trials

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. -Romans 12:12

Pray that God gives you both wisdom as you navigate trials. Remember you're in this together. Lean on each other for encouragement.

Intimacy & Romance

The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. -1 Corinthians 7:3-4

Pray that God give you the wisdom and desire you need for intimacy. Intimacy isn't intimacy if it's one-sided. You both matter.

Family & Legacy

But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. -Joshua 24:15

Pray that God would give you direction and wisdom—not just once but regularly. Pray that you would both hold fast to the values God holds and you would always seek relationship with Him first so it spills out into every other relationship.

Mission & Purpose Together

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. -Matthew 5:14-16

Pray that He gives you the strength to do and endure the impossible while He's still working. Pray that His light shines through your marriage. Your marriage could be the very gospel someone else encounters.