



**FAMILY PRAYER
IN
RESTORATION, RENEWAL, AND HEALING**

Dear Lord, You are the Creator of Man and Woman, of Husband and Wife, of Family and children born from our love, keep us together.

MY PRAYER

Dear Father in Heaven,

We are just simple persons, just a man, just a woman. By Your divine plan and purpose You have brought us together in the sacred unity of love now vowed in Holy Marriage. Marriage persons seek and live successfully when there is never forgotten their daily need of honesty, openness, spontaneity, intimacy, trust, and above all, Love.

Father, I am a man; I am a woman; I am important. I am not a function, but a person with needs, especially the need of love and appreciation. I need acceptance just as I am...a human person.

We, as husband and wife, have loved; and in that love we have our “family trinity” of a child or two or more, as You, God, would provide from our love union. In this prayer from the prayer book of my thoughts, I remember that unique moment of moments, when before the most Holy Altar I stood, young and handsome, a man in great expectation; a woman in raiment of beauty, hopeful for love, care and loyalty until the end. This allowed my soul to speak those profound words, “I, N.N. take you, N.N. for my lawful husband or wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death separates us.”

We are spouses together – forever! Together we walk as one: to cry together, to laugh together, to work together, to serve together, to live together, and above all, to love together **without selfishness** from here into eternity. I vowed to my spouse my whole life, “**You are all mine, and I am all yours!**”

Dear Father, I consecrate this unity to You. Remain with us, and never allow the “**hard knocks**” of life with their “**bag full of nails,**” so to speak, to cause our marriage to fade away from Your divine grace, Your divine love.

As we – each individually – pray this humanly expressed prayer, we each joyfully renew our vows, our commitment – **but this time** – now time wise experienced – we do so with insight; and we compound our love in **restoration and renewal**. Stay with us, dear Father, until we both or individually make it to the shores of Eternal Happiness with You. It is You and You alone Who have called us into this unity of Holy Matrimony. Yes, Father, bless our home. Keep it safe. Help us to keep our devotion to one another as sincere valid husband and devoted wife, as a dad and mom if that be the case, to our home – just as we promised some time ago. So be it, dear Father. Amen.

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