

THE COUPLE THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER.

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October 29th – November 4th Christian hope.

Jesus asked: 'What do you want me to do for you?' This question, asked in the Gospel of a blind man, is addressed to each one of us by Jesus. The man who was born blind had no hesitation in asking for his sight to be given him. That was the single most important thing for him in his life. We should ask ourselves what our single most important need and desire is for our own lives. In what ways are we blind and need our sight restored? Maybe it is in relation to what our real priorities are. Or maybe it is in our close relationships of marriage and family life where we can easily fail to see the hurt or distress or loneliness of one another. Or we may be blind to our responsibility to care for those around us in our parish or wider community who are in need. This week is a call to look into our hearts and open ourselves up to the power of Christ to heal us and set us free.

Morning Prayer, when together

Almighty and ever-living God,

strengthen our faith, hope and love.

May we do with loving hearts what you ask of us

and come to share the life you promise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

During the day, when apart.

Lord God of power and might,

receive the gift of our marriage

and let our service give you glory.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Evening/Night Prayer together.

Lord, bring to perfection within us
the unity we are called to in our marriage.

May our faith in your love for us

have an effect on our lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Questions for Action for the week.

For your marriage: What are the signs of hope in your marriage today? How can you bring a greater sense of hope to each other this week?

For others: Do you know someone who has lost hope at this time? Can you bring hope to that person this week?