

THE COUPLE THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER.

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Jesus said to his disciples: “This poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury”. Today we judge the importance of things by how much they cost. And we also judge the importance of people by how wealthy they are. Jesus gives us a different way of judging, namely by how generous a person is. Generosity is one of the best signs of how free people are within themselves because the greatest freedom is to love with our whole hearts. So many things block that freedom in us, particularly our need to protect our possessions and to increase them. In the person of the poor widow, Jesus gives us the example of complete freedom. This week we are invited to practice this freedom in our homes and in our community by giving time and attention to one another. We are also asked to give to those in need in our world. How free are you to be generous?

Morning Prayer, when together

God of power and mercy
protect us from all harm.
Give us freedom of spirit and health in mind
and in body to do your work on earth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

During the day, when apart

God of mercy, accept the gift of our love.
Help us to follow Christ with love
so that our marriage may be filled with joy.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Evening/Night Prayer together

Lord, we thank you for the wonders of your love.
Pour out your Spirit on us.
Keep us single-minded in our love for one another
and in our service of you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Questions for Action for the week.

For your marriage: Make a list of things you want to thank your wife/husband for. Share that list this week.

For others: How could you support and encourage adult education in the faith this week?

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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please help heal my husband's heart through enlightenment. He is in a heart mind struggle and he lost. Bring my family back please. A friend needs help and fast; he's drifting away.
2. Please save our marriage w/ my husband that our love, patience, understanding and trust will last forever...And we're praying also for a baby...Hope we can have one beautiful baby soon. Thank you so much and Godspeed!
3. Please pray for my marriage. Trust has been broken. Husband is a recovering addict and relapsed. Draining the bank account and my trust in him. Give us strength to do God's will.
4. Please pray for my daughter Sinead who is very sick at the moment after an operation. She needs all your prayers to recover full health.
5. Pray for Jim & Mary - thank you for your prayers.
6. Please pray for the restoration of my marriage and my family. Please help me pray for my husband's enlightenment, guidance and healing and that he may come to accept God in his life.
7. I ask for prayers for my marriage. Please pray that God will give us the graces we need to restore the love, trust and commitment that we need to fulfil this sacrament. Please pray for healing for us and reunite us. Amen.
8. Please pray for my marriage, my husband will give back his love to me and our child. He will remove his love and attention to his mistress. Hoping that our marriage life will be full of love and God's love.
9. Please pray for a husband and wife who are going through a marriage separation; pray for the hurt and pain to ease, communication to open up and healing to begin between them.
10. Prayer to St. Gerard for my husband Christopher who says his love for me is gone. He says it is not like when we first met. He feels he is an awful person and does not deserve to be loved. I pray to God every day to hold his heart in his hands.
11. My marriage is on the brink of separation and financial ruin because of a (serious) lack of honesty and commitment from my husband. We are in desperate need of God's miraculous grace to save us! I have five children who are affected by this. "St. Michael the Archangel, defend us...."
12. I kindly ask you to pray that God will grant me grace to see my wedding day. I also pray that God will pour out His blessing bountifully on my fiancé. I pray also for safe travel for my spouse.

13. Please pray for a Church of Scotland couple who have asked us to keep them in our hearts. They are in love but have distance and financial difficulties making it hard for them to plan a future. They sound like a very beautiful couple. Their email was lengthy so I am summarising it here.
14. Please pray for my daughter and her husband. They have two children she is going through a bad time, he tells her to leave as he doesn't love her any more. He doesn't want counselling. Please pray that things will change. I'm very worried about her. Thank you.
15. Please pray for the restoration of marriage for a couple I know.
16. Prayers for someone who has heart and chest trouble. stomach trouble and back problems
17. Healing prayers for someone with cancer please
18. Please Lord God put the right man in my life soon I'm so lonely, and help everyone in our three families not be lonely in Jesus name I pray. Amen
19. Please pray for our marriage. Pray that we can be more loving and considerate, understanding towards each other, and also that my husband realises that his family should be more important than work. Help us keep our home a happy home.

New Publications: Veritas has published a new book by Fr. Johnny Doherty, C.Ss.R. called **Do you want to be well again? – Thoughts and prayers at times of sickness.** It can be purchased from any Veritas bookshop. ISBN 1 85390 862 2 or from their website www.veritas.ie Another book by the same author together with Fr. Oliver Crilly, Paddy Curran and Frank Dolaghan, which has been published more recently, is called **Think Big, Act Small – Working at Collaborative Ministry Through Parish Pastoral Councils** ISBN 1 85390995 5

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