

Prayers 4 Marriage

Protection over our Marriage

Father, in the name of Jesus, I pray you would protect our marriage from anything that would destroy or harm us. Shield it from our own selfishness and neglect, from the evil plans and desires of others, and from unhealthy or dangerous situations.

May there be no thoughts of divorce or infidelity in our hearts, and none in our future. Set us free from past hurts, memories, and ties from previous relationships, and unrealistic expectations of one another.

I pray that there be no jealousy in either of us, or the low self-esteem that precedes that. Let nothing come into our hearts or habits that would threaten the marriage in anyway, especially influences like alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, lust, or obsessions.

Unite us in a bond of friendship, commitment, generosity and understanding. Eliminate our immaturity, hostility, or feelings of inadequacy.

Help us to make time for one another alone, to nurture and renew the marriage and remind ourselves of the reasons we were married in the first place.

I pray that (*your spouse's name*) will be so committed to You, Lord, that his/her commitment to me will not waver, no matter what storms come.

I pray that our love for each other will grow stronger every day, so that we will never leave a legacy of divorce to our children.

in Jesus' name,

Amen

Protection over our Marriage *Scripture*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)

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. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Malachi 2:15-16 (NIV)

Has not the one God made you? You belong to him in body and spirit. And what does the one God seek? Godly offspring.^[a] So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth. "The man who hates and divorces his wife," says the Lord, the God of Israel, "does violence to the one he should protect," says the Lord Almighty. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful.

Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)

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

Ecclesiastes 4:11 (NIV)

Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?

1 Corinthians 7:10-11 (NIV)

To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.