

# Prayers of the Faithful: National Marriage Week 2022

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## Mass in Celebration of the Gift of Marriage

*The following prayer intentions can be selected for use during the prayers of the faithful.*

*For Church leaders:* that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit to continue to proclaim the unique meaning of marriage between a man and a woman as a sign of Christ and His Bride the Church. Let us pray to the Lord.

*For all those who serve us in elected office:* that they uphold and enact laws and policies that promote and preserve the dignity of marriage as the permanent, faithful, and fruitful union of a man and a woman. Let us pray to the Lord.

*For an increase in faith during this time of pandemic:* that like the man with leprosy, we may come to Christ with our burdens and receive the consolation that only the Lord can give. Let us pray to the Lord.

*For all those suffering from troubled or broken marriages:* that they may be fortified by the grace of the sacrament they have received in matrimony and obtain the assistance they need for healing. Let us pray to the Lord.

*For our parish and community:* so that, as a family of families, we may find ways to care for our married couples and support the families among us who are the domestic church. Let us pray to the Lord.

*For all married couples:* that they may strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live out their marriage vows, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us. Let us pray to the Lord.

*For all those discerning a vocation to marriage:* may they recognize the Holy Spirit working in their hearts and respond generously to the call of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

## Additional Prayer Intentions for National Marriage Week 2022

For an increased recognition and protection of the unique institution of marriage between one man and one woman, especially in our nation. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all engaged couples, that as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage, they may deepen their love for each other through deepening of their relationship with God who is Love. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all married couples, that in imitation of Christ the Bridegroom, they may love and honor their spouse through a total offering of their lives for the other. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all couples who bear the cross of infertility or have lost a child, that they may be comforted by Christ and Our Lady who understand our suffering. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all married couples in our parish and community: may they strive daily to treasure each other as a gift from God and grow in holiness. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all couples struggling in their marriages, may they entrust themselves and their family to the loving hands of God and receive the help they need. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all married couples, that they may witness to the beauty of married life as a participation in God's love and inspire others to lovingly and faithfully live out their vocations. Let us pray to the Lord.