

## Prayer of Spouses for Each Other

*In the Name of the Father, The Son & The Holy Spirit:*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST OUR GOD, our Sweet Savior, Who taught us to pray always for each other, so that by thus fulfilling the holy law we will be made worthy of Thy mercy: look down with compassion on our married life and keep from all perilous falls, from enemies both visible and invisible, my husband [wife] whom Thou has grant me, that we may pass our time together until the end with oneness of mind. Grant him (her) health, strength, and fullness of wisdom enlightened from above, so that he (she) may be able to fulfill his (her) duties all the days of this life according to Thy will and commandments. Protect and keep him [her] from temptations, and may he [she] be able to bear and conquer those temptations that come upon him (her). Strengthen him [her] in right faith, strong hope, and perfect love, so that together we may do good deeds and that we may order all our life according to Thy divine ordinances and commandments.

O Greatly Merciful Lord, hear us who humbly pray to Thee, and send Thy divine blessing in truth on our married life and on all our good deeds, for it is Thine to hear and have mercy on us, O our God, and to Thee we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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