

Sacred Heart Wedding Planning Resources

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PRAYER TIPS FOR AN ENGAGED COUPLE

Prayer is an important element of growing together as a couple. Finding prayer forms that work for you as a couple can help you to discover each other in a new way and to journey with God as a part of your relationship. Daily life provides a variety of opportunities for prayer at meal times, morning and evening, driving to work, walking, and even a quick blessing for each other while on the phone. Prayer comes in a variety of forms: silence, petitions, spontaneous prayer, recited prayer, praise, thanksgiving, contrition, the rosary, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, blessings, and a prayer journal. Find a form that works for you and make it part of your daily life.

- ◆ Give thanksgiving before and after a meal. Use the traditional prayer **“Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.”** Use your own words to give thanks to God for each meal and the blessings in your life.
- ◆ Come together as a couple and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Be conscious of the loving presence of Jesus Christ present **in the Eucharist.** **Pray for Jesus’ help during your engagement and lift each other up in prayer.**
- ◆ Pray the rosary together as a couple. Lift up a particular intention. Meditate on each mystery and let the stories of faith come alive for you.
- ◆ Pray the Liturgy of the Hours, morning and evening prayer. These prayers can be found either in a breviary or on the internet at www.ebreviary.com.
- ◆ Attend weekend or daily mass together as a couple. Pay special attention to the readings and lift up your intentions for each other.
- ◆ Prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation and celebrate it before your marriage.
- ◆ Take a few moments together as a couple to pray together. Ask each other what intentions you have on your heart right now and **then pray out loud for the other’s intentions.**
- ◆ Set aside a few moments to pray in silence as a couple side by side.



PRAYER OF AN ENGAGED COUPLE

Lord Jesus, to teach us to love one another, You became one of us,
taking as a tabernacle the body of Mary.

You said: "Be one in each other, even as I and the Father are one."

You have desired that [name] and I should live in You
as with a single life, like two branches of a single vine,
which Your providence has entwined.

Let our love pass through You, that it may realize a perfect union,
not only of our hearts but also of our souls, and that,
growing from day to day, it may likewise increase our life in You.

Help us to bring to our home enough beauty, health, thrift, strength,
purity, and ideals, to make it a model of the new world we wish to
build with You, and to give You priests, perhaps, but certainly apostles.
With all this, let us never forget that it is through us that Your kingdom
must be established—in factories, offices, shops, in all the places we
frequent, in our streets and houses . . . On earth as in heaven.

Have pity on all those youths and maidens
whose hearts are wounded and whose dreams are broken.
Guard the promises which have been made according to Your Spirit.
And may Your blessing soon give us to each other forever.

Amen.

SPOUSES' PRAYER FOR EACH OTHER

Lord Jesus,

Grant that I and my spouse may have a true and understanding love
for each other. Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust.

Give us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony.

May we always bear with one another's weaknesses
and grow from each other's strengths.

Help us to forgive one another's failings and grant us patience,
kindness, cheerfulness and the spirit of placing the well-being
of one another ahead of self.

May the love that brought us together grow and mature
with each passing year. Bring us both ever closer to You
through our love for each other.

Let our love grow to perfection.

Amen.

INTERFAITH MARRIAGE PRAYER TIPS

- ◆ Work on finding a common language if you want to pray together. Agreeing to pray to "God" rather than "God the Father" is one compromise. Readings from the Old Testament are often acceptable to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Quotes from Gandhi, Thomas Merton, the Dalai Lama, Martin Luther King, Jr., poetry, etc. are also appropriate for interfaith marriages.
- ◆ Look for or create prayers that include petitions and are more flexible in structure and theme.
- ◆ In some faiths, posture and specific movements during prayer are very important. You can pray together and use the prayerful postures you are each most comfortable with.
- ◆ Agree to have side by side silent prayer. This is the "Assisi model" of prayer that was used by Pope John Paul II and other religious leaders during the World Day of Prayer For Peace at Assisi in 1986.
- ◆ Use meal times to recite a blessing either before or after you eat. The prayer can be a simple prayer of thanksgiving for the food you have to eat, and recognition of those who may not have enough to eat.
- ◆ Bedtime prayer is often associated with children, but can be a meaningful time for the two of you, too. You can use the standard, "Now I lay me down to sleep" prayer, or say one that reflects on your day together.



SUGGESTED WEDDING MUSIC



PRELUDE MUSIC

Adagio (from Sonata in D)	B. Galuppi
Air (from Suite No. 3)	J.S. Bach
Benedictus	Alex Rowley
Pastorale on “Capetown”	Gerald Bales
Come Down, O Love Divine	R. Vaughan Williams
Fidelis	Percy Whitlock
Song Tune (from The Peasant Cantata)	J.S. Bach
Blessed Are You Who Love the Lord	Michel Guimont



PROCESSIONALS AND RECESSIONALS

For the processional one song should be used for the whole procession:

Air (from Water Music)	G.F. Handel
Hornpipe (from Water Music) recessional only	G.F. Handel
Jesu, Joy (Liebster Jesus, mein verlangen)	J.S. Bach
Marche, (from Water Music)	G.F. Handel
Prelude to a Te Deum	M.A. Charpentier
Processional (from Water Music)	G.F. Handel
Rondeau (from Première Suite, 1st movement)	J.J. Mouret
St. Anthony Chorale processional only	attr. to Haydn
The Prince of Danmarke’s Marche	Jeremiah Clarke
Trumpet Tune	Jeremiah Clarke
Trumpet Voluntary	John Stanley
Voluntary (Opus 5, No. 1)	John Stanley
Voluntary (Opus 6, No. 4)	John Stanley

OTHER KINDS OF MUSIC FOR THE PROCESSION

For the Beauty of the Earth	(especially verse 3)
Love is the Sunlight	(could be sung to BUNESSAN – Morning Has Broken)
Ode To Joy	
When Love is Found (tune: O WALY WALY)	Brian Wren (GIA)
Lover of Us All	(OCP)
<i>This song could also be used instrumentally for the procession.</i>	
God, Who Created Hearts to Love	(LASST UNS ERFREUEN – All Creatures of Our God and King)

PSALMS

Sung after the first scripture reading during the Presentation of Gifts or during the Communion procession

Psalm 33	Michel Guimont
Psalm 33	Dan Smith
Psalm 34	David M. Young
Psalm 103	Michel Guimont
Psalm 103	David M. Young
Psalm 128	Stephen Somerville
Psalm 144 (145)	Joseph Gelineau
Psalm 145	Michel Guimont
Ps. 33 Blessed Are We	
Ps. 118 This is the Day the Lord Has Made	
Ps. 128 Blest Are Those Who Love You	
Ps. 136 Love is Never Ending	Haugen
Ps. 148 Let All Praise the Name of the Lord	

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONS

Celtic Alleluia
Remembrance Alleluia
or a favorite of the couple/community



UNITY CANDLE

A very short instrumental

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

Congregational hymn (*see below*)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ACCLAMATIONS

Mass Settings (Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen)

Creation Mass

Heritage Mass

St Louis Jesuit Mass

HYMNS AND SONGS FOR CONGREGATIONAL
SINGING PROCESSIONALS

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Come Down, O Love Divine
Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness
Father Most Holy
God of Love and Joy and Laughter
God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

WESTMINISTER ABBEY
DOWN AMPNEY
SCHMÜCKE DICH
CHRISTE SANCTORUM
HYMN TO JOY
ABBOT'S LEIGH

(may also be used as recessional)

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

(may also be used as recessional)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
O Father, All Creating
O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace
O Perfect Love
O Praise Ye the Lord

HYFRYDOL
ELLACOMBE
RICHMOND
O PERFECT LOVE
HANOVER

(may also be used as recessional)

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
See Us, Lord, About Your Altar

PRAISE MY SOUL
LOBE DEN HERREN

DRAKE'S BROUGHTON

(may also be used during communion)

Sing to the Mountains
Tell Out, My Soul
Lord's My Shepherd

Bob Dufford, S.J.
WOODLANDS The
CRIMOND (CM)

(may also be used during communion)

Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here

WALTON LM

COMMUNION PROCESSION (CONGREGATIONAL HYMN)

Eat This Bread	Jacques Berthier
Faith, Hope and Love (Mandatum)	Christopher Walker
Gift of Finest Wheat	Robert E Kreutz, Omer Westendorf w/refrain
This Is My Body	Gregory Norbert, OSB
Blest Are They	GIA
One Bread, One Body	John Foley, S.J.
We Are Many Parts	GIA
Take and Eat	GIA
Taste and See	Ps. 34
Now In This Banquet	GIA
Eat This Bread	GIA
Ubi Caritas	OCP
God is Love	GIA

AT THE CLOSE OF THE SERVICE OR AS A RECESSIONAL

All Creatures of Our God and King	LASST UNSERFREUEN
88 44 88 and refrain	
Lead Us Heavenly Father	MANNHEIM
Now Thank We All Our God	NUN DANKET

PRELUDE OR POSTLUDE SOLOS

A Nuptial Blessing	Michael Joncas
The Life You Give Is Good	IRISH
	<i>(may also be used during preparation of gifts)</i>
God, We Praise You	DIX
I Have Loved You	Michael Joncas
Let Your Mercy Be On Us	Marty Haugen
Lord of All Power	SLANE
O Jesus, I Have Promised	WOLVERCOTE
On Eagle's Wings	Michael Joncas
O Thou Who Gavest Power to Love	MELCOMBE
Bridal Prayer	Roger Copeland
Let All the Peoples Praise You	Michel Guimont
No Greater Love Than This	Michael Guimont
No Greater Love	Michael Joncas

O Praise the Lord
Quand Deux Coeurs Sont Unis
Seigneur Tu Seras Là

Tu Es L'Amour

Wedding Hymn (*From the Opera Ptolemy*)

Where There Is Love

Your Goodness, O God

Ave Maria

Ave Maria

Ave Maria

Ave Verum

Panis Angelicus

The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Maurice Greene

Anton Dvorak

Patrice Vallée

J.S. Bach

G.F. Handel

J.S. Bach

Michel Guimont

Jacques Arcadelt

Charles Gounod

Franz Schubert

Mozart

César Franck

Albert Hay Malotte



OTHER WEDDING HYMNS AND SONGS

THE FOLLOWING ARE IN OUR HYMNAL, RITUAL SONG.

God, in the Planning

Ritual Song 944

John L. Bell

Irish; harm. by Erik Routley

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You,

Ritual Song 714

John 2; Christopher Idle

Ronald F. Krisman

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,

Ritual Song 743

Charles Wesley

Rowland H. Prichard

Love One Another

Ritual Song 745

1 John 4; James J. Chepponis

Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

Ritual Song 748

Timothy Dudley-Smith

Michael Joncas

Psalms 103: The Lord is kind and merciful

Ritual Song 140

Jeanne Cotter

Psalms 103: The Lord is kind and merciful

Ritual Song 141

Haas

Joseph Gelineau, SJ

PSALM 103: THE LORD HAS SET HIS THRONE

Psalm 103: The Lord's kindness is everlasting Hughes
Ritual Song 141 Joseph Gelineau, SJ

PSALM 103: THE LORD HAS SET HIS THRONE

PSALM 103: THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL

PSALM 103: THE LORD'S KINDNESS IS EVERLASTING

Psalm 128: Blest are those who love you Martyr Haugen
Ritual Song 173

PSALM 128: MAY THE LORD BLESS US

Psalm 128: May the Lord bless and protect Murray
Ritual Song 172 Joseph Gelineau, SJ

PSALM 128: MAY THE LORD BLESS AND PROTECT

PSALM 128: O HAPPY ARE THOSE

Psalm 128: May the Lord bless us Martyr Haugen
Ritual Song 173

PSALM 128: BLEST ARE THOSE WHO LOVE YOU

Psalm 128: O happy (blessed) are those who fear the Lord
Ritual Song 172 Joseph Gelineau, SJ

PSALM 128: MAY THE LORD BLESS AND PROTECT

PSALM 128: O HAPPY ARE THOSE

Psalm 34: Taste and See Martyr Haugen
Ritual Song 70

Psalm 34: Taste and See Michel Guimont
Ritual Song 71

PSALM 34: THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR

Psalm 34: Taste and see Stephen Dean
Ritual Song 72

Psalm 34: Taste and See - Proulx Joseph Gelineau, SJ
Ritual Song 73

PSALM 34: TASTE AND SEE

Psalm 34: Taste and See - Proulx Joseph Gelineau, SJ

Ritual Song 248

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD - PSALM 34: TASTE AND SEE

Ubi Caritas

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; Taize Community

Ritual Song 746

Jacques Berthier

Ubi caritas / Where True Love and Charity Are Found

Ritual Song 752

Richard Proulx

We Praise You

Mike Balhoff

Ritual Song 694

Darryl Ducote, Gary Daigle

When Love Is Found

Brian Wren

My lover belongs to me and I to him;
He said to me:
Set me as a seal on your heart,
as a seal on your arm,
For stern as death is love,
relentless as the nether world is devotion;
its flames are a blazing fire.
Deep waters cannot quench love,
nor floods sweep it away.

Song of Songs 8:6-7



Marriage Preparation Internet Resources

As you prepare for your marriage you may find that the internet can provide some useful resources and connections. Here are some web-sites that we find particularly helpful:

Catholic Wedding Help: www.catholicweddinghelp.com

Catholic Wedding Help is a useful site by a pastoral minister from Minnesota. It provides a step-by-step guide for planning your Catholic wedding. Questions and answers about a Catholic wedding simply explained with the theological significance and some of the practicalities of the sacrament of marriage. Handy forms and links to other sites make this a particularly useful site.

For Your Marriage: www.foryourmarriage.org

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides this site which includes information for every couple, for marriage preparation, about Catholic marriages, and for caring for your marriage. Tips on must-have conversations, helpful quizzes, and blogs from newlyweds are included.

www.usccb.org/laity/marriage/marriagefaqs.shtml

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops answers basic questions about Catholic marriages.

www.americancatholic.org/newsletters/cu/ac0606.asp

This pamphlet describes “10 tools for the journey” for preparing for marriage.

www.dow.org/documents/guidelinessacramentmarriagea.pdf

The Diocese of Winona provides a document that can be used for liturgy planning. Included are suggestions on scripture readings and musical selections. The parts of the mass and the liturgical ministers are described.

