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## **A Prayer for Couples beginning the Eight Dates Series**

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Lord, Jesus Christ, we thank You for this opportunity to spend time together as husband and wife. To travel through this process with those whom You have blessed to help guide us for a time, helping us to nurture our marriage.

Bless us, as husband and wife, to grow closer to one another, to see one another as You see each of us, and to respond to one another with love, as You respond to all who come to You.

Open our minds, that we may come to know both ourselves and each other more clearly, as You truly know us.

Open our ears, that we may listen to each other in order to fully understand one another.

Open our lips, that we may speak to one another with gentleness and kindness.

In times of conflict, grant us humility so that we may quickly resolve whatever challenges present themselves to us in our relationship.

Grant that we may always keep You in the center of our lives, our merciful Lord, who is full of compassion and goodness, so that we may always strive to live our lives as You have taught us, with mercy, forgiveness, and tenderness.

May our life be pleasing to you, and when we fall, consider our weaknesses, lift us up again so that we may begin anew.

To You be the glory, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.