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A Prayer for Marriage

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In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

To bear the crowns of marriage, crowns bestowed on us by Your mighty hand, is a great honor and a divine privilege, yet we can easily lose sight of this, as we begin to live our lives routinely.

Because of our own imperfections, we have the capacity to bring upon our marriage relationship challenges which create difficulties.

With our tongue we can praise and glorify You, and yet, utter words that pierce the heart of our beloved.

With our actions, we can be holy instruments to help those in time of need, and yet, hurt the one we share our life with most intimately.

Help us, O Lord, so that we may speak and act in ways toward our spouse that are pleasing to You, honoring our crowns, putting our beloved above ourselves, just as you put all of humanity above Your Self coming in the form of a Servant, sacrificing Your very life.

You have told us that when we truly love, we will not insist on our own way, we will not keep track of past wrongs, and we will not provoke the other. The only deficits we should see are our own, and then strive to work on these so that we may grow and become a greater instrument of love.

For this reason, grant us the desire and the ability to serve, speak, and treat our spouse as we would You, with humility, gentleness and kindness. Help us so that we will listen with patience, genuine interest, and joyful curiosity.

Enable us to see and love our most beloved as you see and love them, for without Your help, we will never fully realize the treasure that You have placed before us. We will never see You in them. Amen.