

## Prayer

### Prayer for an Engaged Couple

May our love increasingly be a sign of Christ's love for the Church.

Let our daily nurturing of our relationship be rooted in the source and summit of our Christian life – the Eucharist.

Let us each day humbly acknowledge our faults and ask for forgiveness for any hurts we have caused the other.

May we take any opportunity for praising and affirming the talents and efforts of the other.

May we offer our time, understanding, and active, empathetic listening even when we judge that we have heard before what we are hearing now.

May we pray with and for each other in whatever ways we can

May we try to build a solid foundation of openness and trust based upon similar values.

May we celebrate our coming vows and put the stress on our relationship building, not on the wedding day details that will soon pail in importance.

May we treat each other with a sacred trust that seeks to build up.

Help us believe that God sends us forth as a couple to become an ever clearer channel of his love.

Don't let us neglect to give each other a kiss of peace often!

May we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Father, Jesus gave his life because he loved deeply and completely.

May our love for one another

be all encompassing and all consuming.  
Make our love be pleasurable.  
Make it be as creative as it is stable,  
as passionate as it is respectful,  
as gentle as it is strong,  
so that all who know us will see in our  
love the hand of you, our creator.  
If and when we are blessed with children,  
may they thrive in the passionate and energizing love  
that has its beginning in the love you have for the world  
and all its peoples.  
We ask this through, Jesus, our Lord and brother.  
Amen.

### Prayer for My Betrothed

Gracious God,  
Thank you for the blessing of my life and  
My journey which has brought me to this time of engagement.  
I marvel in thanksgiving and praise for your love  
Manifest in our lives as together we say, "Yes".  
The resounding "yes" to each other and "yes" to all of life.  
Bless us both during this time of engagement to one another.  
Prompt us with your Holy Spirit that we may discern in wisdom this path to the sacrament of marriage.  
We offer this prayer trusting in your divine love, mercy and joy through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### Prayer for Reverence for Life

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, we thank You for the precious gift of human life:

For life in the womb, coming from your creative power,

For the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise,

For the life of young people, hoping for a better world,

For the life of people who are disabled, teaching us that every life has value,

For the life of the elderly, witnessing to the ageless values of patience and wisdom.

Like Blessed Mary, may we always say "YES" to Your gift.

May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end. And bring us at last, O Father, to the fullness of eternal life in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

### Family and Friends Pray for the Engaged Couple

God, we pray today for those engaged to be married.

This is a time of hope and anticipation.

May they now begin to discover the principles and power of covenant love and faithfulness. This couple has made a promise to make a promise; they have chosen to make a choice. This time of engagement is a beginning and they can only imagine now what their union will entail.

Give them wisdom and guidance and wise counsel to learn truths that will equip them for life together.

Give them strength and efficiency as they plan the logistics of their wedding, and their family life beyond.

Show them how to leverage the stresses of this time of engagement to cultivate maturity in their love.

Walk with them closely through this process.

Remind them at times of doubt that you are there.

May this human engagement reflect love, joy and eternal hope!