



Scripture Prayers for You & Your Marriage

When we pray Scripture over a person or circumstance we are doing a few very powerful things! First, God is the One who spoke Scripture into existence. He also spoke our world into existence— meaning, there is great power behind God’s Word! Secondly, God wants to affirmatively answer our prayers and when we use His own words to guide our requests we are drawing near to His heart and will. Thus, we are more likely to see His hand move in the circumstance we are praying for because we are lined up with His purpose, His design and all that glorifies Him. Lastly, the one offensive piece of spiritual armor we are given (Ephesians 6:10-17) is the Word of God – the sword of the Spirit. Using God’s word in our prayer life will radically affect our lives! Be sure to pray with a heart of faith and expectation (James 1:6).



Praying for yourself

If you are the husband: Lord, please help me to be a good leader and head of our household, just as Jesus is head of the church. Teach me to love my wife and give myself up for her just as You have loved me and given Yourself up for me. Give me Your vision for what it means to be a servant-leader like Jesus. Stir my heart to see moments when I can lovingly care for my wife in practical ways throughout the day. (Ephesians 5:23, 25).

If you are the wife: Lord, please help me to honor and respect my husband in a way that honors You. Show me how to embrace a Biblical, true vision of what it means to be submissive. (If this is a sore subject for you, dialogue with the Lord about it!) Teach me practical ways that I can

show respect to my husband and stir my spirit to know when I have in anyway disrespected him. Teach me how to be a wife that supports him in the role You have designed for him within our household (Ephesians 5:22-24).

Father, please set a guard over my mouth (Psalm 141:3) so that no unwholesome words would come from my lips toward or about my spouse [especially concerning _____ issue]. Replace criticism, nagging or any other hurtful, negative words with words that would build up and edify my sweetheart according to his/her needs at the moment. Make me a wife/husband that would have words that give grace to my spouse (Ephesians 4:29).

Father, help me to pursue the things that would bring peace to _____ issue in our marriage. Please show me how to build up my wife/husband (Romans 14:19).

Lord, You have freely accepted me. Please pour out Your grace in my heart to accept my husband/wife in the same way that You have accepted me. Thank You that no matter what happens, You always accept me! (Romans 15:7).

God, please help me to be of the same mind toward my spouse. Help me to be humble in my thoughts toward him/her, especially in _____ issue in our marriage. Please keep me from being a know-it-all and being wise in my own estimation of myself (Romans 12:16).

Your word says for me to bear other's burdens. Show me how to bear burdens with and for my husband/wife. Make me aware of practical, everyday ways I can be a support to my sweetheart and in so doing, fulfill Your law (Galatians 6:2).

Father, You tell me not lose heart in doing good because if I don't grow slack in the work, I will reap the benefit. _____ issue in my marriage is heavy on my heart and can sometimes tempt me to give up trying. Please pour out an extra portion of Your grace on my heart to keep going. Give me Your vision for my marriage so that I might have strength to press on! (Galatians 6:9)

Lord, please help me not to approach my husband/wife with selfishness. Give me a heart of humility so that I might regard him/her as more important than myself. Grant me this attitude especially in regard to _____ issue that we are struggling with (Philippians 2:3).

Father, please help me to do all things without grumbling or disputing! Give me Your grace to think before I speak so that I might not complain or argue with my husband/wife (Philippians 2:14).

Lord, You have freely forgiven me of so many things! Please help me to also forgive my husband/wife just as You forgave me. Make me aware of every grudge or complaint I have against my spouse and grant me Your grace to forgive the offense so we might have a clean slate between us (Colossians 3:13).

Praying for Your Spouse

Lord, please mold my wife/husband into a woman/man of righteousness and surround her/him with Your favor as a shield (Psalm 5:12).

Let Your favor, Lord, be upon _____ (spouse's name) and all that she/he does. Give permanence to the work of his/her hands (Psalm 90:17). Let him/her taste the fruit of his/her labors.

For the husband to pray over his wife: Lord, help my wife to see her beauty as You do! Give her Your vision of beauty, modesty, femininity and godliness. Show her how her beauty is in the hidden part of her heart in the form of a gentle and quiet spirit, rather than all the glitz and glam of our culture. Teach me how to encourage her to see herself as You do and show me how to reinforce the truth in Your word about her beauty. (1 Timothy 2:9-10, 1 Peter 3:4)

For the wife to pray over her husband: Father, please grow my man to be the kind of spiritual leader You want him to be. Give him a desire to lead our home, but also give him the heart to search out Your word so that he will have Your perspective, wisdom and guidance. Grow his understanding in Your word and Your ways so that I can ask him questions and learn from his walk with You (1 Timothy 2:11-12, 1 Corinthians 14:35).

Lord, thank You for making my husband/wife the temple of Your Holy Spirit! Please help me to remember that You are living inside my spouse and working inside him/her so that I can leave all forms of "nagging" to You! Please cause Your words to ring loudly inside his/her heart concerning _____ issue (1 Corinthians 3:16).

Father, I thank You that no temptation of my husband's/wife's is uncommon to mankind. Please remind him/her of that truth. Your Word promises that when we are tempted You will provide a way of escape. Please make that way of escape shine brightly for my husband/wife and give him/her the grace to pursue the way of escape that You provide. Pour out Your grace on _____ (spouse's name) in _____ area of temptation today (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Lord, thank You that You have begun a good work in _____ (spouse's name) and that You will be faithful to complete it! Please allow me to see Your hand at work in _____ area. Give me grace and faith that You are working even when I can't see it. Help me rest in Your faithfulness to work in both of us. Accomplish all that is in Your heart according to Your good pleasure in _____ (spouse's name). (Philippians 1:6 & 2:13).

Lord, please remind my husband/wife that she/he can do all things through Christ who strengthens her/him. Send Your Spirit to encourage her/him today! (Philippians 4:13)

God, please help _____ (spouse's name) to not be anxious about _____ (particular situation) but rather to lift his/her concerns up to Your throne. Cause Your unexplainable peace to guard his/her mind as he/she is faithful to give his/her worries to You (Philippians 4:6-7).

Praying for Your Marriage

Lord, please grow selfless love in our marriage so that it might abound more and more in real knowledge and all discernment. Grow us so that together we might be able to approve the things that are excellent in Your sight. Make us to have pure and sincere hearts before You. Fill our marriage with the fruit of righteousness which comes only through Jesus Christ and is to the glory and praise of You alone (Philippians 1:9-11).

Thank You, Lord, that You promise to supply all our needs according to Your glorious riches! Please supply _____ need that we have today (Philippians 4:19).

Thank You Lord that You promise to lead us to victory! (1 Corinthians 15:57) Please lead us into Your victory in _____ area of our marriage. Show us the way to go and give us a willingness to follow.

Thank You Lord that You always lead us in triumph in Christ. Please make our marriage a picture of Christian triumph; make us the sweet aroma of Your Son everywhere we go (2 Corinthians 2:14). Broaden our vision of marriage and make our marriage a message of Your love to the people around us.

Father, Your Word says that where Your Spirit is there is freedom. Please make our marriage a place where Your Spirit lives and moves freely so that we might experience liberty together in You (2 Corinthians 3:17).

Lord, sometimes it is so hard for me to handle _____ weaknesses in our marriage relationship. Please help me to see the miracle You can work in our weakness! Please pour out Your grace that is sufficient in our failures and perfect your strength in our weakness. Fill up our weakness with Your strength (2 Corinthians 12:9). Lord, Your Word says that what really matters to You is faith expressing itself through love (Galatians 5:6). Please



show us how to make our marriage a place where our faith is exercised in our interaction of self-giving love toward one another.

Father, please fill our marriage with the fruit of Your Spirit so that our relationship and interaction with each other might be characterized by Your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

God, please help us to walk worthy of Your high calling in our marriage relationship. Grow us so that we might treat each other with humility, gentleness, patience and tolerance in love. Make us aware of ways that we might be diligent to preserve the precious bond of unity and peace in Your Spirit (Ephesians 4:1-3).

Lord, teach us how to process our anger in a way that would honor You. Give us Your grace to sort things out so that we might never go to sleep with our hearts harboring anger toward one another. Keep us free of lingering anger so that the devil might have no foothold in our marriage (Ephesians 4:26-27).

Specific verses about finances (since ya'll asked):

Wife: Lord, the Proverbs 31 woman was a wife who was well acquainted with the family finances. Help me to want the knowledge and understanding of our financial situation so that I can be a helpmate to my husband in the area of our finances. The Proverbs 31 woman was also savvy and thrifty; grow these qualities in me. And Lord, she had a business that she ran from her home. However would be pleasing to You, show me how to be a contributor to our family's financial situation (Proverbs 31).

Husband: Lord, Your Word has some pretty serious things to say about husbands providing for their family (1 Timothy 5:8). Please make me a good provider for my family. Show me how to be a good steward of all that You have entrusted us with (Luke 16:10-13, Matthew 25:14-29) so that I might learn to be an even better provider than I am today.

Father, Your Word says that the way You designed people does not allow us to serve two masters— especially in the area of money. As my spouse and I work through these financial difficulties, please do not let me become so focused on our money that I lose sight of You or give You less attention than my checkbook. May You be the center of our devotion— not our finances (Matthew 6:24)

Lord, Your Word says that godliness with contentment is great gain. Please grow an attitude of contentment in our family. Teach us to have thankful hearts for the simple provision of food, clothes and shelter. Your Word warns that the love of money is the root of all kinds of trouble. May our family learn to have a Biblical perspective on money so that we would be responsible with it, without becoming obsessed with it (1 Timothy 6:6-9).

Father, give us hearts that are on guard against all kinds of greed because our life does not consist in the abundance of our possessions (Luke 12:15).

Lord, teach us how to live free of burdensome debt. Guide our financial decisions so that we would learn to pay off and stay out of debt (Romans 13:8).

Most of these Scripture prayers concerning finances are based on New Testament verses. You can do your own digging to find more in the Old Testament! A great place to start reading together as a couple is Proverbs. There are 31 Proverbs so you can read the one that corresponds to the date for the day. If you miss a day, don't worry, just start right where the date would correspond! As I read through the book of Proverbs I placed a dollar sign next to verses that gave instruction about money. Those verses will give you wisdom for handling your finances, but also specific wisdom to pray over you and your spouse. I hope that you are blessed through praying God's Word over your marriage! I am praying for you!



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