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'Lord, teach us to pray' (Luke 11:1)

Would you join with us and commit to pray for marriages in our nation. Specifically we invite you to set aside 15 mins a day (or more) during the month of September to pray for the nation's marriages. The month of September includes Marriage Week which occurs the second week in September, during which Christian media, churches and ministries specifically work together to promote and offer effective Christian ministry for marriages. Marriage is the union of one man and one woman; a unique bonding of great importance to the health of our nation, its' children and the church. Social science studies indicate a link between crime & family breakdown

Daily Focus

SUNDAY	Marriage & marriages of the nation
MONDAY	Marriages of all levels of Government, law & order, incl. Defence Force
TUESDAY	Marriages of Judeo Christian church leaders
WEDNESDAY	Marriages of people in authority in the fields of business & education
THURSDAY	Marriages of people of influence in media, arts & entertainment & sport
FRIDAY	Marriages of family members, including own if married
SATURDAY	The 'yet to be marrieds', in particular our young people; that they would receive & understand the truths of 'love' and 'marriage' & have a healthy view of what it means to be 'masculine' or 'feminine'.

Suggested focal points include:

-  Forgiveness of hurts that have occurred in a couple's marriage relationship; conflict is inevitable. "be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32. 'a gentle answer turns away wrath' Proverbs 15:1.
-  Married couples would spend time together, talking and touching each other, having fun - Drifting apart a little each day can leave a couple vulnerable to all kinds of problems.
-  That spouses would have thankful hearts, walk humbly, be wise stewards, self-controlled, have a good reputation and be respectful to one another.
-  Coping with times of separation in a godly manner; effective accountability & marriage nurturing strategies.
-  Christian marriages in which wilfulness rules in place of sacrifice, make a laughing stock of the whole church – couples are to set a pattern for mutual love & submission. Marriage is a living picture of Christ's love for the church. 'let each one of you love his wife as himself, & let the wife see that she respects her husband.' Ephesians 5:33
-  The addictive nature of Internet pornography and on-line chat rooms is taking a huge toll on marriages.
-  That the Christian Church would work together in unity to promote the Christian ministry material available to nurture & promote healthy marriages and implement marriage seminars that couples would be led to take advantage of it.
-  Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labour which you perform under the sun. Ecclesiastes 9:9
-  Marriage should be respected by everyone. God will punish those who do sex sins and are not faithful in marriage. Hebrews 13:4