

Prayer of Protection

For the glory of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
I plead the blood of Jesus over my spouse and our marriage.
I invite the heavenly host to surround our household,
forming a wall of fire beyond which the enemy of our souls and marriage cannot pass.
All that we are and all that we have, I consecrate and surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Every plan of the enemy to weaken or bring ruin to our marriage and love,
in the name of Jesus, I call null and void.
May the blood of Jesus flow upon our bodies with its systems and senses, keeping them in health.
May the blood of Jesus inebriate our souls, protecting our minds, strengthening our will, and right ordering our emotions.
May the blood of Jesus preserve our relationship with the Trinity, protecting us from lies, deceit, and heresy.

Pour out your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Father, to protect our love for each other,
our love growing from glory to glory, surpassing the love of the prior day.

Preserve our hearts, and grow them in the grace of forgiveness and mercy, holding not to the things which have passed.
Let us only hold each other with gentleness and tenderness.
May the time of any offence and the time of our forgiveness draw closer and closer to each other.

Protect us, Father, from the lie that we are enemies.
Protect us, Father, from keeping score of the misdeeds that our beloved does out of their weakness.
Protect us, Father, from placing our beloved in a place of expectation that they cannot fulfil.
Protect us, Father, from harsh words thrown at the one we love.
Protect us, Father, from any attitude that we are better than our beloved.
Protect us, Father, from inherited destructive patterns from our family of origin.
Protect us, Father, from forcing our will or perspective upon our beloved.
Protect us, Father, from the blindness of not seeing our faults or how we hurt the one we love.
Protect us, Father, from shaming or putting down our beloved.
Protect us, Father, from becoming lukewarm in our love for each other.
Protect us, Father, from taking our loved one for granted.
Protect us, Father, from blaming our beloved.
Protect us, Father, from speaking words that wound.
Protect us, Father, from gossiping about our spouse.
Protect us, Father, from any unwillingness to change or grow.

Protect us, Father, from any seduction to leave when things are difficult.
Protect us, Father, from the delusion that marriage should not require work.
Protect us, Father, from being lazy in our love.
Protect us, Father, from those who lack healthy boundaries that would encroach upon our marriage.
Protect us, Father, from fear and anxiety.

Deliver us, Jesus, from misunderstanding and wrong conclusions.
Deliver us, Jesus, from projecting our past dissatisfaction upon the present.
Deliver us, Jesus, from avoiding anything that would keep us isolated from our beloved.
Deliver us, Jesus, from the past hurts preventing present healing.
Deliver us, Jesus, from loving the deceiving image we have of ourselves.
Deliver us, Jesus, from choosing the easy way that avoids the hard work of love.
Deliver us, Jesus, from the sinful ways of our past that prevent the free grace of our marriage.
Deliver us, Jesus, from hiding in relationships other than our marriage.
Deliver us, Jesus, from seeing the truth about ourselves.
Deliver us, Jesus, from addictions that weaken our marriage.
Deliver us, Jesus, from seeking to lessen in the eyes of others a good opinion of our beloved.
Deliver us, Jesus, from planning schemes against our beloved.
Deliver us, Jesus, from projecting things on our beloved which are really ours to face.
Deliver us, Jesus, from destructive ways that hurt our beloved and our marriage.
Deliver us, Jesus, from the world's vision of marriage.
Deliver us, Jesus, from the belief that divorce is God's will.
Deliver us, Jesus, from not trusting each other
Deliver us, Jesus, from unforgiveness.
Deliver us, Jesus, from being self-impressed.
Deliver us, Jesus, from the spirit of divorce.

Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace to love beyond love's possibility to love.
Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace to forgive beyond forgivenesses' possibility to forgive.
Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace to always give the best interpretation to our spouse.
Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace to love our beloved even as you love them.
Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace to desire the good of our beloved before our good.
Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace of final perseverance in our marriage.
Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace to hope against hope if there is a time to come when it is hard to hope.
Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace to see our beloved not in their sin, but to see them in their original goodness.
Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace for our marriage to bless other marriages.
Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace for our marriage to be pure and undefiled.
Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace for our marriage to be a light for our children's vocations.
Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace that our marriage be truly full of love, peace, and joy.
Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace and blessing of good communication skills.
Grant us, Holy Spirit, friends who would both support and challenge us in our marriage.

Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace of a happy and holy death, leaving nothing unresolved with our beloved.

Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace to pray together as a couple.

Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace to cultivate the life of the Sacraments.

Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace to go to Confession for the sins which we commit against our spouse and our marriage.

Grant us, Holy Spirit, the grace to be humble by admitting the wrong we have done to our spouse and to ask their forgiveness.

Grant us, Holy Spirit, a marriage that is overflowing in life where others are inspired to love as us and love beyond us.

Most Blessed Trinity, you are love itself. May we, as a couple, dwell in your love and draw life from that love. Jesus, you are the Bridegroom of your Church, the Bride. Teach us how to love as you love; teach us how to forgive as you forgive. May our marriage bring you great glory.