

# MARRIAGE



one flesh, given and received

**Natural Family Planning**

*...supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage*

# Prayer for Couples Preparing for Marriage

O Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
look upon those preparing for marriage.

Send the Holy Spirit  
to open their hearts to your love  
so that, with honesty and selflessness,  
they may be strengthened to  
receive the Father's sacred design.

Through their spousal love,  
may they bear witness  
to your abiding faithfulness.

Obtain for them the grace  
to live the gift of fertility and  
to reject all that contradicts it.

May they honor the Creator's plan that  
they be "one flesh" for the "whole of life,"  
and become generous stewards of new life.

Make them and all married couples  
beautiful witnesses of faithfulness and  
harmony to renew the face of the earth.

Amen.



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