



## Praying Against the Spirit of Divorce

Believers must oppose the spirit of divorce that is so prevalent in this age. There is no other alternative. Believers need to pray for marriages, especially those that are in trouble. It is our duty and our privilege to intercede for these couples. If your marriage is in trouble, you must plead with God for the marriage. If you know that a marriage is in trouble, you must stand in the gap for that marriage. It is time that the church stops giving up on marriages. It is time that the church humbles itself before God and intercedes for couples. Divorce does not have to be the norm. Broken families and lives do not have to be a daily reality. As long as God is in heaven and God's people pray, there is hope for marriages and families.

The following prayer requests are for a marriage that is in crisis. These are suggestions to help you know how to pray in this situation. You can use these requests to pray for your own marriage or other marriages. You can use these suggestions by placing the names of the couple in the blank. As always, be sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit as you pray. He may give you insight and Scripture to pray as you intercede for yourself or the couple. Plead the Word of God! Pray with faith and persistence!

Father, I pray that You will deliver \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from self-centeredness. Grant that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will have a servant's heart (Ephesians 2:3; 2 Timothy 3:2; Matthew 20:28; Philippians 2:5-11).

Father, in the name of Jesus, I pray that You would bind the work of Satan from this marriage. He would love nothing more than to destroy \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_'s marriage. I ask You to stop His work in their lives and destroy his attacks against this marriage (John 8:44; Genesis 3:11-13).

Lord, I ask You to convict and deal with any unconfessed sin in \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_'s life. Enable us/them to deal with any sin that is hindering their marriage (1 John 1:9).

Father, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will speak the truth to one another in love. Cause \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to honestly share their feelings without being arrogant or spiteful. Through love and honesty, enable \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to work through their differences (Ephesians 4:25; 1 John 4:7, 11).

Holy Spirit, I pray that You would create a spirit of forgiveness in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. In the name of Jesus, I plead that we/they will put away all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander, along with every form of malice. In the place of this, I pray that we/they would be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other as God for Christ's sake has forgiven them (Matthew 6:14-15; Ephesians 4:31-32).

Father, I plead that You would bring \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ into a more intimate relationship with Yourself. Cause us/them to long for You as the deer longs for water. Grant us/them a hunger in their soul for You. Create within us/them a spirit of prayer, especially for each other (Psalm 42:1-2, 63:1; John 17:3; Colossians 4:2).

Holy Spirit, I plead that You will convict \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ about the problems in their marriage. I pray that Your conviction would be deep and sharp. Deliver \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from being defensive and self-righteous about the problems in the marriage and Your conviction concerning these things. Grant that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ would humbly accept Your conviction and will change as You deal with him or her (John 16:7)

Father, I ask that You would deal with any past problems in \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_'s life that is causing trouble now. Your Word declares that You heal the brokenhearted and that You bind up their wounds. In the name of Jesus, I ask You to be true to Your Word and heal the emotional wounds and baggage that we/they have in our/their lives (Psalm 147:3).

Father, in the name of Jesus and by the power of Your Holy Spirit, I plead that \_\_\_\_\_ will love \_\_\_\_\_ as Christ loved the church. Cause \_\_\_\_\_ to have a sacrificial and serving love toward \_\_\_\_\_. At the same time, in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I plead that



\_\_\_\_\_ will be a loving and submissive wife. Cause \_\_\_\_\_ to support and minister to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ephesians 5:22-33).

Father, I pray that You would rekindle passion and desire between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. I ask You to  
bless our/their relationship and cause them to rejoice in it. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ would be  
satisfied and exhilarated with each other's love (Proverbs 5:15-23).

Lord Jesus, You have declared that what therefore go has joined together, let no man separate. You have declared the  
will of the Father. It is the Father's will for marriages to be for a lifetime. You desire one man to be with one woman for life.  
This is Your heart's desire. Because this is Your heart's desire, I plead with you to save and strengthen \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_'s marriage. Because this is Your heart's desire, I ask in the name of Jesus that You will do  
whatever it takes to protect and defend this marriage. O God, do not let sin, Satan, circumstances, or problems separate  
what You have joined together (Mark 10:2-9).