

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
FOR MARRIED, DIVORCED AND WIDOWED**

Presider:

**In God's tender providence,
married love-- its faithfulness and its fruitfulness --
has been given a special significance
in the history of salvation.
Let us lift our hearts and voices to God in prayer**

Deacon or lector:

- (1) For our Holy Father, Pope Francis,
for Archbishop William Lori,
for all bishops, priests, deacons, and for all who serve the Church,
that they be strengthened in their ministry to God's people,
let us pray to the Lord.
- (2) For a greater respect for the dignity of marriage and family
in our nation and society, let us pray to the Lord.
- (3) For our young people, that they will be given the grace to authentically
discern God's call in their lives, particularly in vocations to married life,
to the priesthood and to the consecrated life, let us pray to the Lord.
- (4) For all those preparing for marriage,
that they be given the grace to know more deeply their vocation
to faithful, self-giving love and family life, let us pray to the Lord.
- (5) For all married couples, that they may live together with patience, love, and
mercy, trusting in God's grace on life's journey. Let us pray to the Lord
- (6) For all those who suffer,
especially those who face the pain of a troubled marriage, separation or divorce,
that they be guided to a future filled with hope, let us pray to the Lord.
- (7) For all who mourn, especially widows and widowers,
that they may be comforted in their sadness,
and filled with the hope of Christ's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Presider:

**Lord our God,
you know our joys and our sorrows.
May the prayers we offer bless our relationships and lead us to your peace.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**