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Blessings
Over Your
Marriage

Adoration

Song of Solomon

2:16

My beloved is mine, and I am his.

He feeds his flock among the lilies.

Father, I ask that You would sanctify the relationship between _____ and _____. May their hearts be knit together in love, true love; not the world's kind of love but unselfish, sacrificial love, Your agape love.

Belief

Acts 16:31

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and you will be saved,
you and your household."

Father, I ask that You would make ____ the spiritual head of this household. May he rise up to the holy place that you have ordained that he should be. May he put his trust in You and You alone. Lead him and guide him in Your truth and teach him for You are the God of his salvation.

May they offer praise and glorify You. May they order their conduct aright that You may show them Your salvation.

Remember them, O LORD with favor, visit them with Your salvation. May You be their strength and their song.

Blessing

Proverbs 3:33

He blesses the home of the just.

Father, thank You that ____ and ____ are bound together in the covenant of marriage. I ask that You would bless their home according to Your word. Cleanse their home of anything that would defile. Your mercies are new every morning.

What God has joined together let no man put asunder.

Commitment

Ecclesiastes 4"12

Though one may be overpowered
by another,
two can withstand him.
And a threefold cord
is not quickly broken.

Father, they are joined together in the covenant of marriage with You. You are the three-fold cord. May their love for You grow stronger each day and their love for one another.

Courage

Joshua 1:9

Be strong and of good courage;
do not be afraid, nor be dismayed,
for the LORD your God is with you
wherever you go.

Father, someone has said, "Old age isn't for sissies!" Neither is marriage. I pray for Your courage and encouragement in their lives. Thank You that they are not alone or left to themselves to make this marriage work. But You are with them. You are faithful. It is Your covenant with them. Strengthen them and uphold them by Your righteous right hand. May Your Holy Spirit come along beside them and teach them to love, truly love one another. Lead them in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Thank You.

Discernment

Philippians 1:9-10

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Father, You have gifted each of them.. May You increase these gifts in their life and in their marriage. Teach them what is good and best; holy and unholy, righteous and wicked, truth and lies, those who serve God and those who do not. May You be honored and glorified in all that they do.

Encouragement

Ephesians 4:29

Don't use foul or abusive language.

*Let everything you say be good and helpful,
so that your words will be an encouragement
to those who hear them.*

NLT

Oh Father, that it would be so in their household. Set a guard over their mouths so that nothing unwholesome can come out. May they open their mouths with wisdom and the law of kindness be on their lips. Bless this home, Father, with Your peace. Shalom Shalom.

Endurance

1 Corinthians 13:7

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

NLT

*bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.*

NKJV

Father, I pray that the love that they have for each other would grow into agape love: the kind of love that never gives up, never loses faith in You and in each other, always is hopeful even when there is little hope. A love that will endure and carry them through every circumstance. I pray that they will bear with one another's faults, believe the best of one another, hope eternally, and endure through all the trials and temptations of their marriage. To God be the glory. Amen

Faithfulness

Proverbs 3:3-4

Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.

*Oh, that they would have such a heart!
May Your love and faithfulness so fill them
that it overflows to each other. Grant them
Your grace to walk in love and faithfulness
to You and to each other. Build a wall of
protection that will guard their hearts in this
area. When they are tempted to walk
contrary to love and faithfulness I pray that
You would remind them of Your word and
their covenant with You and to each
other. May each day of their marriage
strengthen that bond. Father, be glorified.*

Favor

P_s 90:17

May the favor of the Lord our God
rest upon us;
establish the work of our hands for us —
yes, establish the work of our hands.

*Father, I entreat Your favor toward _____
and _____ Have mercy on them and
establish them. Lead them in paths of
righteousness for Your name's sake.*

Prov 3:3-4

*Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart,
And so find favor and high esteem
In the sight of God and man.*

Forgiveness

Eph 4:32-5:1

*Instead be kind to each other, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another, just as God through
Christ has forgiven you.*

Father, Your word says to get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior. **Instead**, be kind to each other...

Help _____ and _____ to repent and get rid of the bad so that they may be kind and do what is right. Father, may they turn away from everything that does not please You and embrace those things that will strengthen and bless their marriage. May the forgiveness that is from above continually speak to them.

Friendship

Ecc1 4:9-12

*Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their work:*

If one falls down,

his friend can help him up.

*But pity the man who falls
and has no one to help him up!*

*Also, if two lie down together,
they will keep warm.*

But how can one keep warm alone?

*Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.*

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Father, Your word says that it is not good for a man to be alone and that a prudent wife is from the Lord. May it be so in their marriage. May their lives be under the submission of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Fruitfulness

Galatians 5:22-23

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.*

Father, may the seeds of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control fall on good ground and produce fruitfulness in each of their lives and in their marriage. May they consciously sow love rather than selfishness, peace rather than strife, longsuffering rather than quick retorts, gentleness rather than harshness, self-control rather than lasing out. You have promised to work in each of us both to will and to do of Your good pleasure. May You be honored and glorified in this marriage and in their lives.

Generosity

Proverbs 11:25

*The generous soul will be made rich,
And he who waters will also be watered himself.*

Father, I ask that You would work in _____
and _____ the grace to not withhold their
affection and love for one another, but to
generously and freely give of themselves to
each other and overflow to others.

When we were still in our sins, Christ died for
us. Oh, may that generous, lavish,
unbounded love and affection flow
through them that they may know Your
love.

Gentleness

Ephesians 4: 1-3

Always be humble and gentle.

*Be patient with each other,
making allowance for each other's faults
because of your love.*

*Always keep yourselves united
in the Holy Spirit,
and bind yourselves together with peace.*

Always, every day, in every situation, always be humble and gentle. May the patience and long-suffering of the Lord be woven into the fabric of your character. May God's agape love flow through you to one another and make allowance for the other's faults for he who covers a matters seeks love. May you continually remain in unity for a house divided cannot stand. May the peace, the Shalom of God, rest in your home. Everything as it ought to be, nothing missing, nothing broken.

Grace

Colosians 4:6

*Let your speech always be with grace,
seasoned with salt,
that you may know how you ought to answer
each one.*

Father, how weighty are our words. May _____ and _____ learn quickly to speak with grace on their lips. May they open their mouths with wisdom and on their tongues be the law of kindness.

Fill them with the knowledge of Your will so that they will know how they ought to answer one another. Your ways are higher than our ways. Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts. Oh, set a guard over their lips that they may not sin against You with their mouth. May You be glorified in all they say and do. Amen

Health

Proverbs 16:24

*Kind words are like honey – sweet to the soul
and healthy for the body.*

Proverbs 3:7-8

*Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the LORD and depart from evil.
It will be health to your flesh,
And strength to your bones.*

3 John 2

*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things
and be in health, just as your soul prospers.*

Oh, that _____ and _____ would surrender
their lives to You and obey Your Word.
What blessings You have in store for them
when they walk in Your precepts. Open
their hearts to receive Your Word.

Hope

Jeremiah 29:11

*For I know the plans I have for you,"
says the LORD.*

*"They are plans for good and not for disaster,
to give you a future and a hope."*

Father, I pray that _____ and _____ may know the hope of Your calling. May they know and understand that Your plans are good and not evil. May they put their trust in You for You are holy and good.

May they also know and understand that if they walk contrary to Your plans and purposes they will not be blessed. May they quickly turn to You and be saved.

Humility

Philippians 2:3-4

Don't be selfish;

don't live to make a good impression on others.

*Be humble, thinking of others
as better than yourself.*

*Don't think only about your own affairs,
but be interested in others, too,
and what they are doing.*

Father, I ask You to give ____ and ____
the grace to overcome selfishness in their
lives. What a mountain that can be in this
age! May they look to You and see Your
heart for the people You place in their
lives. May they become instruments in Your
hand to touch many and may all glory and
honor be to You for Your working in their
lives.

Integrity

Proverbs 10:9

People with integrity have firm footing,
but those who follow crooked paths
will slip and fall.

May _____ and _____ purpose to live a life of integrity in their home, guarding their hearts from anything that would defile them. May they walk in transparency and in the light so that they may have true fellowship with one another and with God. May they keep to Your paths for all the paths of the LORD are righteousness and truth.

Intimacy

1 Corinthians 7:3-5

The husband should not deprive his wife of sexual intimacy, which is her right as a married woman, nor should the wife deprive her husband.

The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband also gives authority over his body to his wife. So do not deprive each other of sexual relations. The only exception to this rule would be the agreement of both husband and wife to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time, so they can give themselves more completely to prayer. Afterward they should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt them because of their lack of self-control.

Father, I pray that their marriage bed would be undefiled and their relationship would be pure and holy. I pray that they would walk in the light with one another and have true fellowship.

Joy

Proverbs 5:18

Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you.

Rejoice in the wife of your youth

Father, may this always be the case. May _____ always rejoice in his bride and covenant wife. May they grow together in the grace and admonition of the LORD. Turn their eyes away from wanting any other plan but Yours. Fill them with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

May _____ truly be a fountain of blessing for him.. May she do him good and not evil all the days of her life. May she open her mouth with wisdom and on her tongue be the law of kindness. May she esteem him, reverence him, honor him, love him, pray for him, and look after him continually.

Kindness

Proverbs 31:26-27

*When she speaks, her words are wise,
and kindness is the rule
when she gives instructions.*

*She carefully watches all that goes on
in her household
and does not have to bear the consequences
of laziness.*

Father, how often it will be the wife that sets the tone and spirit of the household. May kindness rule and reign in their home. May she be filled with the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit. May she be a fountain of grace and kindness. May she watch carefully all that goes on in the home. May she be alert and diligent.

Love

1 Thessalonians 3:12

And may the Lord make your love grow and overflow to each other and to everyone else, just as our love overflows toward you.

Father, may their love grow and overflow to each other. May the true, agape love of God, grow in their hearts towards each other. Your love is unselfish, Your love is enduring. Your love never fails.

May they each know the love of God for them so that they will be able to love, truly love, each other.

Oneness

Matthew 19:6

*Since they are no longer two but one,
let no one separate them,
for God has joined them together."*

Father, may ____ and ____ not seek their own but each other's well-being. May there be no schism but may they become complete and be of one mind, one heart bearing one another's burdens. May they stand fast in one spirit and one mind striving together for the faith. May they be in one accord. May they not bite and devour one another lest they be consumed by one another.

Father, I ask You to do this life work in them that with one mind and one heart they may glorify You who has joined them together.

Peace

Psalm 122:7

*May there be peace within your walls,
Security within your fortresses.*

Father, I ask for Your peace, Your genuine peace which comes from right relationship with You and with each other. May the Shalom of God rest in their home, everything as it really ought to be.

May the security that comes from trusting You in all things be a fortress to them.

Protection

2 Thessalonians 3:3

But the Lord is faithful;

*He will make you strong and guard you
from the evil one.*

Oh Father, be to _____ and _____ their rock of safety. May they continually take refuge in Your strong tower. Surround them with songs of deliverance. Open their understanding that they may know the enemy's traps and snares.

May You strengthen them for the battle that is waging against their souls. May they fight with the weapons that You provide, for Your weapons are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds and imaginations.

Provision

Philippians 4:19-20

*God ...will supply all your needs
from his glorious riches,
which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.*

Father, may ____ and ____ learn early in their marriage to look to You for their needs and not rely on their own strength. May they know by experience Your provision for them. Every good and perfect gift comes down from You.

May they learn to be thankful.

Purity

Proverbs 15:26

*The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination
to the LORD,*

But the words of the pure are pleasant.

Psalms 19:14

*May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of
my heart be pleasing to you,*

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

1 John 3:3

*And everyone who has this hope in Him
purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

Father, I ask You to make them pure and holy by teaching them Your words of truth.

Purpose

Romans 8:28-29

*And we know that God causes everything
to work together for the good of those
who love God and are called
according to His purpose for them.*

Father, I ask You to work in _____ and _____
life that they may be united in thought and
purpose. May they work together, loving
each other with one heart and one
purpose.

Though they may make plans, I pray that it
is Your will for them that will prevail.

May they run straight to the goal with
purpose in every step, keeping their eyes
on the prize for the high calling.

Respect

Ephesians 5:33

*...each man must love his wife as he loves himself,
and the wife must respect her husband.*

Father, how powerful are Your weapons of love and respect! Through love and respect all enemies of this marriage will be subdued and conquered to the glory of Jesus Christ.

Fill them with Your Spirit and power that they may walk in all the fullness of the plans and purposes You have for them.

Self-Control

2 Timothy 1:7

*For God gave us a spirit not of fear
But of power, love
And self-control*

Oh, Father, that _____ and _____ might know Your power and authority in their lives. Your Spirit in them is bold and powerful. By Your Spirit in them nothing is impossible. They will be able to overcome their enemies and live a life that pleases You.

May they not shrink back or flee but by the grace and power of God may they put to flight those powers that war against them.

Servant-hearted

Galatians 5:13-15

*For you have been called to live in freedom —
not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature,
but freedom to serve one another in love.*

*For the whole law can be summed up in this one
command:*

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

*But if instead of showing love among yourselves
you are always biting and devouring one another,
watch out! Beware of destroying one another.*

Father, I pray for grace for _____ and _____
that they may have a servant's heart for
one another. Teach them to refrain from
harsh and devouring words but instead
speak words of encouragement. May they
continually grow in the ability to put the
other first. May they come to know the joy
of serving one another.

Strength

1 Chronicles 16:11

*Search for the LORD and for His strength,
and keep on searching.*

Psalm 46:1

*God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.*

Psalm 138:3

*When I pray, You answer me;
You encourage me by giving me the strength
I need.*

Father, may _____ and _____ learn quickly that You indeed are their strength. May they look to You in time of trouble. May they come to understand what a very present help You really are.

Submission

Ephesians 5:21-24

*...you will submit to one another
out of reverence for Christ.*

*You wives will submit to your husbands
as you do to the Lord.*

*For a husband is the head of his wife
as Christ is the head of his body, the church;
He gave His life to be her Savior.*

*As the church submits to Christ, so you wives
must submit to your husbands in everything.*

May _____ discern and understand God's purpose and protection in His order for the home. May she rest in the wisdom of submission without bitterness or resentment. May she not be led astray by the foolishness of worldly ways. May _____ make wise and discerning choices, always seeking Your wisdom. May his decisions always reflect his love for Christ and for her.

Thankfulness

1 Thessalonians 5:18

*No matter what happens,
always be thankful,
for this is God's will for you
who belong to Christ Jesus.*

Oh, the power of thanksgiving! Surely the enemy retreats at the sound of thankfulness. May their hearts overflow with thanksgiving each day. May they make it a daily commitment to express their thankfulness at all times.

Trust

Proverbs 31:10-12

The heart of her husband safely trusts her;

So he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good and not evil

All the days of her life.

Father, I pray for grace for _____ to be this Proverbs wife. May she do _____ good and not evil all her days. May her heart and mind, soul and spirit, be conformed to this Word.

Understanding

1 Peter 3:7

...you husbands must give honor to your wives.

*Treat her with understanding
as you live together.*

*She may be weaker than you are,
but she is your equal partner
in God's gift of new life.*

*If you don't treat her as you should,
your prayers will not be heard.*

Father, May _____ learn to honor _____ and treat her with understanding as they live out their lives with one another. May he heed the warning that if he doesn't treat her as he should his prayers will not be heard. May he see her as a gift from the Lord and equal in God's sight.

Value

Matthew 16:26-27

*And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process?
Is anything worth more than your soul?*

Proverbs 31:10-12

*Who can find a virtuous and capable wife?
She is worth more than precious rubies.
Her husband can trust her,
and she will greatly enrich his life.
She will not hinder him but help him all her life.*

Father, first of all I pray that _____ and _____ know and understand the preciousness of their own souls in Your sight. Father, You gave Your one and only Son to die for them. I pray also that _____ treasure _____ and that she would enrich his life and not hinder him throughout her life.

Wisdom

Proverbs 4:23

*Above all else, guard your heart,
for it affects everything you do.*

Father, I ask that You would teach _____ and _____ to fear You for the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Incline their hearts to wisdom and may wisdom enter their hearts and knowledge be pleasant to their souls. May they listen to counsel and receive instruction that they may be wise.

Father, give them the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God and may their eyes be opened so that they may know what is the hope of their calling and the incredible riches of their inheritance in You.

Fill them with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that they may walk worthy of You and be fully pleasing to You.

May the Word of Christ dwell in them richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing them. May they build their home on the solid rock of knowing Your Word and doing it.

Father, You are a witness to _____ and _____'s marriage vows. Your Spirit inhabits even the smallest details of their marriage. May they continually guard their hearts and the spirit of their marriage.

