

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

God our Father,
We look back with gratitude
To the time when You first blessed our love.

We thank You for the happiness we have known together
And for sustaining us in the sorrows we have shared.

We ask for forgiveness for any failure on our part;
For any times when we became difficult to live with;
For any lack of sympathy and understanding;
For anything that spoiled even for a moment
The relationship You desire for us.

After these years of life together,
Increase and deepen our love by the power of Your Spirit
So that we, and our family, may always be one with You.

Bless our marriage, Lord, with peace and happiness,
And make our love fruitful for Your glory and our joy.

Saints Anne and Joachim – pray for us.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.