

The Knights of Columbus cares about your marriage and your family.

We believe the foundation of the family is the marriage bond



between the mother, father, and God. If you have a strong marriage, it will produce a strong family that can endure the challenges they will face throughout their lives.

To help strengthen your family and marriage, the Knights of Columbus encourages your family to dedicate time each day for family prayers. As you pray your family prayers, we ask that you include the Our Marriage Prayer.

We encourage holding each other's hands during the family prayers as a symbol of family unity. When it is time to say the Our Marriage Prayer, the husband should take his bride's hands, place them together and wrap his own hands around them. They should then pray these words together.

Lord, help us to remember when we first met and the strong love that grew between us. To work that Love into practical things so that nothing can divide us. We ask for words both kind and loving and hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness as well as to forgive. Dear Lord, we put our marriage into Your hands. Amen

The marriages that you will treasure more than your own will be those of your children and grandchildren. Praying the Our Marriage Prayer in the presence of your children every day allows your children to see that you place your marriage into God's hands. As they hear you pray the Our Marriage Prayer, they will begin to memorize it along with you. Hopefully they will one day incorporate it into their own marriages as well and pass it down through the generations.

The **Our Marriage Prayer** print you received with this letter is designed to fit in an 8-1/2" x 11" certificate frame that you can hang on the wall. Walmart currently has a nice mahogany frame for about \$5 (part # 553486878).

If you or any other married couple would like to learn more about the Our Marriage Prayer or the Knights of Columbus, please visit the websites or contact the person below.