

# *Marriage Week USA February 8-15, 2004*

## *World Marriage Day February 8*

*An enduring marriage is more than simply endurance. It is a process of growth into an intimate friendship and a deepening peace. So we urge all couples: renew your commitment regularly, seek enrichment often, and ask for pastoral and professional help when needed.*

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Follow the Way of Love/A Pastoral Message to Families"

### *A Married Couple's Prayer Of The Heart*

*For our marriage...*

*We give you thanks, our God*

*For the joy we find in our unity...*

*We give you thanks, our God*

*For inspiring us to reflect on the love in our relationship...*

*We give you thanks, our God*

*For inviting us to be in community with other couples...*

*We give you thanks, our God*

*Because we want to show affection in words, caresses and actions...*

*Help us our God*

*Because we want to make the effort to improve how we listen and respond...*

*Help us our God*

*Because we desire to witness to Christian love in our relationship...*

*Help us our God*

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### *Prayer on Parents' Anniversary*

We ask you, Lord, to bless us all on this, the birthday of our family.

We thank you for the many blessings you have granted us,  
and for all the happy times we have shared together.

Let us continue to grow in our love for one another,  
and let the coming year be blessed with health, happiness, and success.

Renee Bartkowski, [Family Prayers for Daily Grace](#), Liguori, MO, Liguori Publications 2003.  
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