

## Prayers for Your Husband based on Ephesians 5

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. Ephesians 5:1-4 (NIV)

Dear Lord, may my husband strive to walk in Your love and follow Your example. May his relationships model sacrificial love in action and prompt a ripple effect throughout his family and friends. Remove impure thoughts from his mind, and help him focus instead upon Your goodness and lovingkindness. Eliminate greed from his life and replace it with generosity. Direct his conversations and inspire him to reject any words from his vocabulary that do not honor You. Compel him to lavish You with praise whenever he has an opportunity. In Jesus' name, Amen.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light - Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:8, 15-20 (NIV)

Dear Lord, may my husband be known for consistently embodying the qualities of goodness, righteousness, and truth. Instill in him a passion to shine Your light in his encounters with others. Give him a craving to chase after that which is pleasing to You. Heighten his awareness so that he sees witnessing opportunities, and impress upon him the importance of making the most of each one. Fill him with a hunger for gratefully proclaiming the transformational power of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. Ephesians 5:21-28 (NIV)

Dear Lord, You flawlessly designed the husband-wife covenant so that it would represent the relationship between You and Your people. I ask for Your direction and wisdom as we seek to portray that bond in our marriage. Please help us as we endeavor to exhibit respect, submission, and Christlike love to each other in a manner that reflects You. May we daily serve each other with humility, encourage each other with sincerity and spur each other's faith on with enthusiasm. In Jesus' name, Amen.