



7 Days of Prayer

The vow of Priority is one of the four vows that can help our marriage last a lifetime. It means God is our #1 priority and our spouse is #2. So here's a challenge for this week that brings your top two priorities together: spend the next seven days praying with your spouse. Below, you'll find tools to make it easy. And, singles, you're included too! Check out the guide below to see how you can take part.

Day 1: *But seek **first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* Matt 6:33 (<http://www.youversion.com/niv/Matt.6.33>)

Couples and singles: God, we pray that you'd be first in every area of our lives. Please show us what that looks like and we can make you our #1 on a daily basis.

Day 2: *You shall have no other gods before me.* Ex 20:3
(<http://www.youversion.com/niv/Exod.20.3>)

Couples: God, we pray that our relationship with you would come before any other and that it would provide our ultimate fulfillment. Please allow our marriage to reflect the overflow of our individual relationships with you.

Singles: God, I pray that you'd use this season in my life to strengthen my relationship with you. Please help me find my ultimate fulfillment in you.

Day 3: *And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment...* Philippians 1:9
(<http://www.youversion.com/nasb/Phil.1.9>)

Couples and singles: God, we pray that you would help us see what needs to change to make you first in our lives. Please give us the strength to make those changes.

Day 4: *With promises like this to pull us on, dear friends, let's make a clean break with everything that defiles or distracts us, both within and without...* 2 Corinthians 7:1
(<http://www.youversion.com/msg/2Cor.7.1>)

Couples: God, we pray that you'd help us protect our priorities. Please empower us to move beyond the distractions that pull us away from our relationship with you and each other.

Singles: God, please help me guard your #1 spot in my life. I pray that you'd empower me to avoid distractions and guide me to the opportunities and relationships you want me to pursue.

Day 5: *So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.* Romans 14:19 (<http://www.youversion.com/nasb/Rom.14.19>)

Couples: God, we pray that we would encourage each other to keep you #1 in our lives. Please lead us as we lead each other back to you.

Singles: God, I pray that you would bless me with relationships that support me in keeping you as my first priority. Please show me how to encourage my friends as well.

Day 6 *Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus...* Romans 15:5

(<http://www.youversion.com/nasb/Rom.15.5>)

Couples: God, we pray that your priorities would become patterns in our lives. Please guide us to communicate about these things regularly and keep us on the same page as a couple.

Singles: God, today I pray for my future #2. Please guide me to someone who is *of the same mind* when it comes to you, and please prepare me to welcome that person into my life.

Day 7: *And may the Master pour on the love so it fills your lives and splashes over on everyone around you...* 1 Thessalonians 3:12

(<http://www.youversion.com/msg/1Thess.3.12>)

Couples: God, we pray that as we honor you in our lives, we would be blessed with renewal, peace, and joy. Please allow your priorities to lead us to a stronger and healthier relationship with you and each other.

Singles: God, as I honor you and wait for #2, I pray that you would bless me with renewal, peace, and joy. Please fill this season of my life with your abundance.

Pray...together?

If you're new to the idea of praying with your spouse, this is an ideal opportunity to begin. It doesn't have to be complicated! Just find a quiet time of day, get comfortable, take turns praying out loud, speak simply, and keep it to a reasonable amount of time. For couples who pray together, fewer than 1% of those relationships end up in divorce. Connecting with God together is worth the investment!

Live it

Priorities: God #1, Spouse #2. Your priorities might be in order mentally, but are they working out that way in your day-to-day? Pick at least one thing you can change this week to get aligned. Maybe it's getting up 15 minutes earlier to read your Bible. You might turn off the tv and set aside the laptop while listening to your spouse. Perhaps you could cancel something on your schedule to spend time together.