

Editorial

HOPE FOR MARRIAGE ETERNAL

Among the prayers and yearnings of married partners on earth is a wish to know about marriages after death. Those who have loved each other tenderly long to know that their marriage will continue. They grieve to think of it ending but are strengthened with the hope that true marriage lasts forever.

The prayers below, adapted from favorite teachings in *Conjugal Love*, express gratitude and hope for the continuation of marriage after death.

I am grateful, Lord, that You provide marriage eternal for all who come into heaven, and this with partners whose souls so incline to union with each other that they do not wish to lead two lives but one. I pray that I may find true marriage such as this. (Adapted from *Conjugal Love* 50)



I rejoice, Lord, in the hope that You can provide marriages that will be everlasting with those who from early youth have loved, chosen, and asked of You a lawful and lovely partnership with one, and who spurn and reject roving lusts. O Lord, strengthen my resolve to live a chaste life that You may grant me an eternal partnership. (Adapted from *Conjugal Love* 49)



I trust, O Lord, in Your providence for those who in the world have lived unmarried and yet have desired marriage, especially those who have sought it without success. I rejoice that You provide blessed marriages in heaven for all who are spiritual. Help me, Lord, to grow into spiritual marriage. (Adapted from *Conjugal Love* 54)



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Lord, I rejoice that true marriage continues after death and that the spirit of my partner in the other world may dwell continually with my spirit in this world until I die, when we will meet again and reunite and love each other even more tenderly than before. Thank you, Lord, for this comforting promise. (Adapted from *Conjugal Love* 321)

