



**Praying with each other closely,
safely, honestly and lovingly is the
“most intimate act a marriage can offer.”**

It's relationship-changing.

It's life-changing.

It's proven.

It's yours to begin experiencing now.

“Nothing we've ever done has made the difference this has made in our lives.”

“It's almost overwhelming, all that this has meant to us and our relationship. It is so good.”

“The intimacy we now share is awesome.”

“Praying together is profound, foundational, the keys to the kingdom. It's the solution.”

“This was a life-altering experience.”

“This is absolutely wonderful.”

“It's difficult to put into words the sense of unity we now feel. Every aspect of our lives has improved. Neither of us has ever been happier in our whole life.”

“Coming together to seek God together in prayer is so powerful and so life-changing.”

Announcing “Couple Prayer Mornings for the Engaged”

Join us for just 3 hours on any Saturday listed on the other side.

One morning together will provide you with a gift that will enhance your whole married life.

**You may never have a better chance to learn,
in genuinely safe and comfortable ways,
how to lovingly experience, together as a couple,
the “most intimate act a marriage can offer.”**

*Research continually confirms that the more often a married couple prays together,
the closer, happier, stronger, more loving and more intimate their relationship becomes.*

Here are just a few of the many research-documented increases in marriage satisfaction enjoyed by couples who:

A: “Pray together sometimes” compared to, B: couples who “Pray together a lot.”¹

	A. “ <u>SOMETIMES</u> “	B. “ <u>A LOT</u> “	<u>% OF INCREASE</u>
“Our marriage is happy.”	60%	78%	18%
“My spouse is my best friend.”	74%	91%	17%
“We agree on how children should be raised.”	64%	75%	11%
“We both try to make our marriage better.”	65%	86%	21%
“My spouse makes me feel important.”	59%	77%	18%
“My spouse delights in me.”	39%	69%	30%
“We are very satisfied with our sex life”	67%	82%	15%
“Our love-making is ecstasy.”	69%	78%	09%
“My spouse is romantic.”	42%	63%	21%
“My spouse is a skillful lover.”	48%	65%	17%
“We are greatly satisfied with our family life.”	38%	54%	16%
“We have very good agreement on finances”	58%	69%	11%
“Our agreement on basic values is very good.”	72%	83%	11%
“We can both peacefully disagree”	66%	75%	09%
“We feel spiritual after lovemaking.”	49%	68%	19%
“We are very confident in our marriage”	76%	92%	18%

In addition, 1980 research cited in the Retrouvaille International Handbook indicates that among married couples who attend church together weekly and either read the bible or pray together on a daily basis the divorce rate is less than 1 divorce in 1100 marriages.

In his book, *Faithful Attraction (2007)*, researcher Fr. Andrew Greeley concluded that, of all the factors known to significantly contribute to marital happiness, praying together as a couple is “the most powerful correlate of marital happiness that we have yet discovered.”²

1. Rushnell and DuArt, *Couples Who Pray* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2007), 11-13
2. Andrew Greeley, *Faithful Attraction* (New York: TOR, 1991), 292

We very much encourage you to attend a 3-hr COUPLE PRAYER MORNING FOR THE ENGAGED

From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon on any of four Saturdays: March 10, June 2, September 15 or December 1
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N Territorial Rd, Plymouth 48170

Please register by calling the Parish Office: (734) 453-0326). A donation of \$20 will be asked upon arrival.

For more information, please feel free to call Jim or Mary Fisher (C.P. Mornings hosts) at 248-426-7327