



# Table Prayer Sacrament of Marriage

## Table Center

A candle and home cross or crucifix.

## We Gather...

*Begin by saying:*

At this meal, we focus on the sacred relationships God has blessed us with in our home.

*Light the candle and pray:*

Light of Christ, show us how to follow the way of love.

*Continue:*

We pray in a special way for married couples, especially... *(those gathered at the table name married couples for whom they want to pray)*  
...and for all the members of our own family.

## We Tell the Story...

*Let us listen to the Word of God.*

Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:36-39)

## We Bless Our Food...

*We pray:*

Holy God, we call out your blessed Name. Creator and Lord, we thank you for the food from this earth. We thank you for the ways it strengthens us to do the work of your Son, Jesus – to love you and to love each other. We pray this day for those who hunger for food and hunger for justice. You, who give us all good gifts, refresh us at this table.

We ask your blessing, wondrous God, on those who witness to your love through the Sacrament of Marriage. Strengthen their bond, and deepen their love for each other every day. May we who live together in this home be a model of unity and love. May we be living witnesses of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

Bless this food before us, and all who gather around it.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our teacher and our Lord.

Amen.

## We Go Forth...

*Join hands and conclude by saying:*

We leave the fellowship of this table to go forth in service to the Lord through our words and actions.

*Together pray:*

Bless us as we go forth to love the Lord and to love one another.

Amen.

