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**Prayer for a  
Broken Marriage**

O Lord, you raised marriage to the dignity  
of a sacrament, a sacred sign of love and unity  
between yourself and your spouse the Church.

You give married couples the grace they need  
to live together in love and harmony,  
yet, that grace seems out of reach for us.

Our love has ended and our marriage has faltered.  
Events which led to our separation stir me to  
upset and deep regret.

I come to you now in prayer, O Lord,  
beseeching your mercy upon me and  
my wife/husband that your healing may reassure  
both of us that your love and forgiveness remain.

Grant that the problems which led to our  
marriage ending may be the occasion for growth  
in both of us, greater respect for each other,  
mutual pardon, and deeper faith.

If this be not your will, Father,  
grant that all involved may see your purpose  
in what has happened and that they and all your  
Church may be forgiving and understanding.

Teach me to seek after and acquire that inner resignation  
to your will which alone brings peace of mind.

Search my heart and see that I mean my wife/husband  
no ill will but wish her/him happiness now  
and in the future; that happiness we were unable  
to achieve and enjoy together with You at our center.

Know that my care for her/him remains.

Keep her/him in your care, most merciful Lord,

AMEN

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