## Prayer for God's Blessing on Married Couples

I bless Thee, most gracious Lord Jesus Christ, for having ordained that Thy holy Mother, the Virgin Mary, of whom Thou, O Redeemer of all men, didst will to assume flesh, should proceed from the chaste union of Joachim and Anne. By Thy goodness I beseech Thee, through the merits of the holy parents Joachim and Anne, have mercy on (me and on) all who, in their memory, sanctify their life in the state of Matrimony. Give them rest and peace and health of body and soul; make them fruitful in good children; and after this exile, grant them eternal glory to Thy praise and honor, O sweetest and most gracious Savior. Amen.

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