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PRAY – STEP 7: Holding hands or holding each other in your arms, pray quietly aloud thanking God for the gift of your spouse and asking Him for something special for your spouse.

Husband Prays aloud: Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you and thank you for all that you do for us. We come to you and ask for your help to use the tools we have been given to keep our relationship a priority, so we can continue to grow in our love for one another and you. As that love grows, allow it to positively affect our family, friends, and everyone we come into contact with. May we share the blessing of this Marriage Enrichment experience with others and invite them to experience it for their own relationships. Please open our eyes, ears, minds and hearts to you, oh Lord. Help us to hear and respond to your call and give us the strength and courage we need to live out that call for our lives. You call us to be a light to the world, help us to realize and use the couple strength you have given us so we can go make a difference in the world. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Wife reads Aloud:

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16 (NRSV)

DIALOGUE - more choices...

What was it like for me to re-affirm our wedding vows? HDIFRTN?

Looking back to who we were and what we did before our Restore, Rekindle, Renew Enrichment, how have we as individuals and as a couple changed? HDIFSTWY?

What do I think our marriage covenant can do to affect change in the world where God has called us? HDIFAMA?

How would I rate our couple strength and influence? HDIFSTWY? Which tool most helps me to be a better spouse? HDIFAMA? Where do we go from here? HDIFAMA?

ACT — To celebrate your restored relationship, renewed covenant, and rekindled flame, plan a night or weekend away for just the two of you. Get away from it all, just as you did early in your marriage, and enjoy being alone to play, rest, and romance each other. Find something new to do as a couple, like ice skating or sledding, making granola together, taking a walk along a new route, holding hands— go out and try it!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to develop Couple Prayer if you haven't already, share your feelings with each other through daily Dialogue, and to put romance into Action.

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Blessings to you!

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