

## RESTORE, REKINDLE, RENEW PRAYER GUIDE

Praying for a couple that is participating in the 3RE, **Restore, Rekindle, Renew Marriage Enrichment** series, is a beautiful combination of responsibility and joy. It is an opportunity to deeply share in their marriage, their struggles and joys, their fears, and their growth. To help those of you who are reaching out in prayer to a couple on a 3RE, the approximate time for each presentation is printed below with suggestions for your prayers.

### *A Prayer for the Pre-Encountered Couple*

Father, we pray that you will be with ----- during this 7 week series as together, they build their marriage. Open their hearts to one another and You. Help them grow in confidence through trust and belief in each other. As a loving couple, let them feel the peace and joy that can be theirs when they follow Your plan for their marriage. In Jesus name. Amen.

#### **Day & date** (Names of presenters)

7:00 pm	<i>Welcome, Introduction</i>	Pray that the couple may be open to the team, each other, and God, and that they may experience the freedom and excitement about what this marriage enrichment series can be for them and their future.
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7:30 pm	<i>Focus on Feelings</i>	Pray that the couple may have a clear understanding of feelings and may experience the freedom and excitement that comes from sharing the feelings buried deep within them.
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7:00 pm	<i>Encounter with Self</i>	Pray that each person may discover their personality style and understand how at times our behavior has a positive and negative effect on our relationship. Pray that the realization of God's love will give them hope and power to destroy the barriers of self-doubt and superiority.
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7:00 pm	<i>Marriage in Today's World</i>	Pray that the couple can look beyond their good marriage and see that they can break out of their disillusionment and married singles lifestyle to reach out to each other, that they can tenderize their love for each other through their love letters. Pray that their decision to love will result in new levels of joy.
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8:15 pm	<i>Listening</i>	Pray that the couple may realize that who they are as persons directly affects the way they listen; for awareness that there have been times in the past when they did not really listen to each other, and that now they may truly begin to listen with their hearts.
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#### **Day & date** (Names of presenters)

7:00 pm	<i>Areas for Reaching Out to Each Other</i>	Pray that the couple can see that unconditional love is the acceptance of their spouse without reservations no matter what feelings are shared. Pray for an urgency to experience deeper intimacy with one another as a result of open sharing.
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8:30 pm	<i>God's Desire for Marriage</i>	Pray that the couple explore God's deepest desire for them as husband and wife – to live in a loving relationship. Pray that they may realize God longs for them to experience His desire, and that their marriage will reveal to the world who He is and what His love is like.
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**Day & date** (Names of presenters)

7:00 pm	<i>Risking to Trust in Dialogue</i>	Pray that the couple recognize that it is difficult to share because of the type of persons that they are. Pray that they may experience the joy and freedom that comes with discovering and sharing with their spouse the deepest parts of themselves. Pray that they may overcome their fears and truly trust each other.
8:30 pm	<i>Impact of Dialogue in our Daily Lives</i>	Pray that the couple will really experience one another in openness and love. Pray for enthusiasm for their continued growth after the weekend and that the tiredness of the day vanishes in the beauty of dialogue.

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7:00 pm	<i>Marriage as a Covenant</i>	Pray for tenderness in seeking forgiveness and that joy and peace may be experienced as the result of unconditional love. Pray that their extended dialogue may truly be a celebration of that joy. Pray they will commit themselves to being a “little church” and that Christ would truly be a part of their relationship.
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7:00 pm	<i>Living our Covenant</i>	Pray that the couples will incorporate the five tools to keep their relationship a priority. Pray they will be modern day apostles, passionately living their covenant in order to make a difference in the Church and in the world. Pray that as we invite them to contribute to the dream of building marriages, that they will catch the vision of investing both financially and personally.
8:45 pm	<i>Service of Celebration</i>	Pray that the couple will be open to the Holy Spirit as they renew their marriage vows and experience the healing of memories. Time for Open Sharing & wrap-up.

**Note that everything assumes a 7:00 pm start in this example. It's just a rough guide for prayers.**