

Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers

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I offer you these tidbits of wisdom as prayer prompts to remind you (and your constituents) of the sacredness of marriage vows and the value of every child. The commitment to love a spouse forever, and the generous gift of life parents offer a child are indeed spiritual undertakings and cannot be done alone. May the God of Love be with you and your work.

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS

441. Nov. 7: "Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom." (Wisdom 6:12) What's the wisest thing you've done so far in your life (other than marrying your beloved)? How is your spouse wise?

442. Nov. 14: Want to get a "quiet spouse" to open up? Try going through old photos together or asking about his/her favorites (like a school memory, a relative, a children's story, childhood friends...)

443. Nov. 21: Whether or not you travel over Thanksgiving, remember those who can't afford a plane ticket, gas, or even a pair of shoes, or worse - don't have a loved one with whom to share the day. Our bounty is not deserved, but a gift. Give some of it away.

444. Nov. 28: "Let there be spaces in your togetherness." (Kahlil Gibran) As wonderful as togetherness is, where do you go to get some space just for yourself? Do you have a special time, place, or hobby that regenerates your spirit?

PARENTING POINTERS

440. Nov. 4: "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife." (Mt 1:20) As the foster father of Jesus, Joseph raised a child not of his own blood line. November is Adoption Month. Might this be a call to you? Consider adoption, foster parenting, or simply mentoring an at risk child.

441. Nov. 11: Nov. 11 is 11-11-'11. Perhaps this coincidence of numbers can remind you of the mystery of how each child can be #1 in your heart, no matter how many you have. For fun, perhaps give your child 11 compliments, hugs, stickers, or M&Ms.

442. Nov. 18: With Thanksgiving approaching, consider how the president pardons a turkey. Is there a relative you need to pardon or make peace with? Perhaps the turkey is you. Forgive yourself.

443. Nov. 25: The day after Thanksgiving offers us some free time - especially if leftovers free up cooking time. How will you use your time today? Hectic shopping? Nurturing family ties? Missing someone dear? Relaxing? Make family your priority.

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