WEDDING COUPLE PRAYER

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LYRICS

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VERSE 1

We pray, God, for this groom and this bride. God, please strengthen them. You God, our Holy Shepherd know we, Your sheep, are stubborn. Fill their hearts and minds with Your wisdom. Teach them UN-selfish love!

Protect them from Satan's hate for them while they grow to LOVE as You love us.

READING 1 (after Verse 1)

1 Peter 5: 7-8. "Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you. Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." (NLT)

..... walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

Ephesians 4: 1b, 2, 3. "...with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, **bearing with one another in love**, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

VERSE 2

We pray, God, for their friends and parents. God, please strengthen them. You God, our Holy Shepherd know we, Your sheep, are stubborn. Fill their hearts and minds with Your wisdom. Guide them to teach UN-selfish love!

Protect them from Satan's hate for them while they grow to LOVE as You love us.

READING 2

(New Living Translation)

First John 4: 16 We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. **17 And as we live IN God, <u>our love grows more perfect.</u>18 Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. 19 We love each other because he loved us first.**

VERSE 3

We pray, God for their Church Family. God, please strengthen us. You, God, our Holy Shepherd know we, Your sheep, are stubborn. Fill **our** hearts and minds with Your wisdom. Surround them with our love, Church friends.

Protect us ALL from Satan's hate for us while **we** grow to LOVE as You love us.

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READING 3 (after Verse 3)

<u>Colossians 3</u>: 12- 17, God describes how we are to live Like Christ in all our life... including in our marriage:

12b "...You must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which <u>binds</u> us all together in perfect harmony.

15 And LET the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

16 Let the <u>message</u> about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom He gives. Sing psalms & hymns & spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

17 And whatever you do or say,

do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Song Story.

In some of Paul's writings, you can 'hear' His sadness that those who share Christ's gospel and should be loving as a Congregation Family were not treated with respect, were not supported with prayer. The more anyone seeks to honor God our LORD, the more that person is a threat... a target for Satan.

Let us all honor (and obey) God by keeping each other in prayer.... including the young married couples who are still learning to pray through the problems of life – learning to love each other more & more.

Growing TOGETHER to love God more. The melody of this song was written for the song PASTOR'S PRAYER, and thinking of the need for us to support young parents inspired me to think "sooner">> of the Bride & Groom!