

Connecting New

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A prayer I engage frequently is to ask God to help me receive what God is offering. I believe God is always offering us something that leads us deeper into love, freedom, authenticity, beauty, joy or some combination. Recently when I prayed this prayer, the response was that Jesus gave in my imagination a marriage blessing to my wife and myself, like at a renewal of vows. I share it below with the hope that it will speak to you in some way, and even more I encourage you to pray this same prayer to receive what God is offering to you right now, this moment.

A Marriage Blessing from Jesus

Dear Marilyn and Clarence, open yourselves to receive what is being offered. I invite those present to extend their hands and join with me.

May you come to know the fullness of God, not then, but now,
not a reflection, but in its fullness,
and may you come to know this through each other.

May you experience the tremendous beauty of your love each day,
and may it bring you to tears.

May irritation and struggles stimulate patience and kindness
beyond what you imagined possible.

May you ever be tender and quick to forgive –
each other, yourselves and those who care for you.

May you embrace vulnerability, dependence and diminishment
as the pathway deeper into love and may you see that this
will also expand the hearts of everyone else in your lives.

When angry, may you direct your anger toward me.

May joy carry you through pain and may laughter sustain your spirits.

And most of all may you always know that you are not alone,
have never been alone, and will never be alone even after the separation of death,
because you are created of love and love lasts forever.

May we continue to be a blessing to each other, in union with the source of all
goodness.

Peace and Blessings,
Clarence

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