



# MARRIAGE PREPARATION – INDEX OF READINGS

(\*At least one reading that explicitly speaks of Marriage must always be chosen. These readings are designated by an asterisk.)

## OLD TESTAMENT – CHOOSE ONE

- OT-1\* Genesis 1:26-28, 31a..... page 14  
*Male and female he created them.*
- OT-2\* Genesis 2:18-24 ..... page 15  
*The two of them become one body.*
- OT-3\* Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67 ..... pages 16-17  
*In his love for Rebekah, Isaac found solace  
after the death of his mother.*
- OT-4\* Tobit 7:6-14..... pages 18-20  
*May the Lord of heaven prosper you both.  
May he grant you mercy and peace.*
- OT-5\* Tobit 8:4b-8..... page 21  
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- OT-6\* Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 ..... page 22  
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- OT-7 Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a..... page 23  
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- OT-8\* Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16 ..... page 24  
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the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.*
- OT-9 Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-34a ..... page 25  
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and the house of Judah.*



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NT-6	Ephesians 4:1-6.....	page 34	<i>One Body and one Spirit.</i>		
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- NT-10 Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b..... page 40  
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- NT-11\* I Peter 3:1-9 ..... pages 41-42  
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- NT-12 I John 3:18-24..... page 43  
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- NT-13 I John 4:7-12..... page 44  
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The Universal Prayer, or Prayer of the Faithful, follows the blessing and giving of rings. This prayer presents a series of petitions for the needs of the Church, the world, the afflicted, and the local community, including the needs of the couple being married this day. This prayer is a good reminder that we do not pray simply for ourselves at a supremely happy moment – we pause and remember in prayer the world of which we are a part, and for which we have a responsibility as Christian believers.

The petitions that are supplied in this booklet may be modified to fit the needs of the family gathered.