

# PRAYER TO ST RAPHAEL FOR THE WISE CHOICE OF A MARRIAGE PARTNER



If you are praying for a spouse and you want help in discerning wisely, pray the “Prayer to St Raphael for the Wise Choice of a Marriage Partner. “

Sometimes we choose the wrong spouse out of desperation. In women, that biological clocks starts ticking, which can frighten you into making a hasty decision.

Both men and women experience pressure from our parents, which can cause us to look frantically for spouses without remembering to pray.

Marriage is not only about the prestige of being able to say you are now a husband or wife. Marriage is about daily sacrifice that comes about as we try live holy lives and help our spouses get to heaven.

This is why it is vitally important to choose the right spouse.

If you choose the wrong spouse, you might be setting yourself up for a lifetime of suffering. "Suffering is good," you say? Although resigning ourselves to God's will by accepting the suffering he sends can help us grow in sanctity, there is a difference between accepting God's mortifications and creating our own [mortifications](#) through bad decisions.

Let God give you the [suffering](#) that will be beneficial to you instead of making hasty decisions that are not good for you.

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## **When Should You Pray the Prayer to St Raphael for the Wise Choice of a Marriage Partner?**

How wonderful it is that we have such a great Catholic faith that gives us such great intercessors such as St Raphael!

You can pray this prayer as soon as you've discerned marriage.

After all, it's your future that you're praying for. The prayer says: "In all confidence I open my heart to thee, to beg thy guidance and assistance in the important task of planning my future."

You can also pray this prayer when you are in the friendship stage and discerning courtship. This is what we did. We wanted to be sure that we were not just making the decision to court because of feelings or only because of our strong desire to marry. We needed St Raphael's help in discerning.

It worked.

So, if you have a strong desire to marry, do not forget to ask for St Raphael's intercession.

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O Glorious St. Raphael, Patron and Lover of the Young, I call upon thee and plead with thee for thy help. In all confidence I open my heart to thee, to beg thy guidance and assistance in the important task of planning my future. Obtain for me through thy intercession the light of God's grace, so

that I may decide wisely concerning the person who is to be my partner through life. O Angel of Happy Meetings, lead us by the hand to find each other. May all our movements be guided by thy light and transfigured by thy joy. As thou didst lead the young Tobias to Sara and opened up for him a new life of happiness with her in holy marriage, lead me to such a one whom in thine angelic wisdom thou dost judge best suited to be united with me in marriage.

St. Raphael, loving patron of those seeking a marriage partner, help me in this supreme decision of my life. Find for me as a helpmate in life that person whose character will reflect the traits of Jesus and Mary. May he(she) be upright, loyal, pure, sincere and noble, so that with united efforts and with chaste and unselfish love, we both may strive to perfect ourselves in soul and body, as well as the children it may please God to entrust to our care.

St. Raphael, Angel of chaste courtship, bless

our friendship and our love, that sin may have no part in it. May our mutual love bind us so closely that our future home may ever be most like the home of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Offer thy prayers to God for both of us and obtain the blessing of God upon our marriage, as thou wert the herald of blessing for the marriage of Tobias and Sara.

St. Raphael, friend of the young, be thou my friend, for I shall always be thine. I desire to ever invoke thee in my needs. To thy special care I entrust the decision I am to make as to my future wife (husband). Direct me to the person with whom I can best cooperate in doing God's Holy Will, with whom I can live in peace, love and harmony in this life and attain eternal joy in the next.

Amen.

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