

Prayer to Saint Valentine 14th February

Jesus Christ elevated marriage between two baptised persons to the level of a Sacrament. The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is a sign of His Love for His Bride, the Church. In Holy Matrimony, the husband and wife are empowered and consecrated by Christ Himself to love each other as He loves us on the Cross: with a Love that is free, total, faithful and fruitful. St. Valentine you knew this, and that it is a reality worth your blood. You died so that Christian husbands and wives could live the chaste wedlock of marital holiness. Indeed you knew that all husbands and wives are called to become holy specifically as husbands and wives!

St. Valentine, Priest and Martyr, pray for all married couples. Beg for them the strength they need to trust in God's Love as the foundation of their marriage. Grant them a deep love for the goods of marriage: the fidelity whereby they love each other exclusively, the openness of heart whereby they are always open to new life and the indissolubility whereby they are a sign of Jesus's unbreakable bond with us. Pray for your brother priests, that they will be willing to follow your example and to lay down their lives to preach the truth about marriage in the Church and in the world.

St. Valentine, Martyr for Marriage, pray for us!

Amen

