

## ***Prayer after Divorce***

O Lord, you raised marriage to the dignity of a sacrament, a sacred sign of love and unity between yourself and your spouse, the Church.

You gave married couples the grace they need to live together in love and harmony. Yet, that grace seems out of reach for us.

Our love has ended and our marriage has faltered. Events, which led to our separation, stir me to upset and deep regret.

I come to you now in prayer, O Lord, beseeching your mercy upon me and my former spouse that your healing may reassure both of us that your love and forgiveness remain.

Grant that the problems which led to our marriage ending may be the occasion for growth in both of us, greater respect for each other, mutual pardon, and deeper faith.

If this is not your will Father, Grant that all involved may see our purpose in what has happened and that they and all your Church may be forgiving and understanding.

Teach me to seek after and acquire that inner resignation to your will, which alone brings peace of mind.

Search my heart and see that I mean my former spouse no ill will but wish him/her happiness now and in the future, that happiness we were unable to achieve and enjoy together with you at our center.

Know that my care for him/her remains.

Keep him/her in your care, most merciful Lord.

