

## **February Prayer Emphasis: Couples Prayer**

James 5:16 counsels believers to be honest about our shortcomings and to pray for each other. "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." (ESV)

Scripture further describes how we are to be with one another in relationships:

*"Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife as loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just Christ does the church, because we are members of His body. Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."*  
*Ephesians 5:22-33*

### **Suggestions for Your Church**

Choose a date in February to invite couples, young and old, married and not married to come to a "Couple's Prayer," praying for one another and growing together through the intimacy of prayer.

### **Resources for Couple's Prayer Service Available on Archive Page**

Couples Prayer Instructions

Couples Prayer Handout