

## **A Prayer for Married Couples**

*Prayer said daily by Archbishop Etienne's parents, Paul and Kay Etienne*

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness. Let us be thoughtful in word and deed. Help us to put away pretense, and face each other in deep trust without fear or self-pity. Help us to guard against fault finding, and be quick to discover the best in each other and in every situation.

Guard us from ill temper and hasty judgment. Encourage us to take time for all things, to grow calm, serene and gentle. Help us to be generous with kind words and compliments. Teach us to never ignore, never to hurt, and never to take each other for granted. Engrave charity and compassion on our hearts.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us.

