

WEDDING PRAYER & *blessing*

AVERAGE TIME TO SPEAK THIS PRAYER: 3.5 MINUTES

Creator of Joy, you tell us in James that every good and perfect gift is from You. So all of us pause together to acknowledge you as the Giver of [his name] to [her name], and of [her name] to [his name], and the connecting of their friends and family. We've come to this point by Your kindness and help.

You also tell us in Malachi that You put a portion of your Spirit in every marriage of Your people, and that You're here, witnessing this breathtaking covenant.

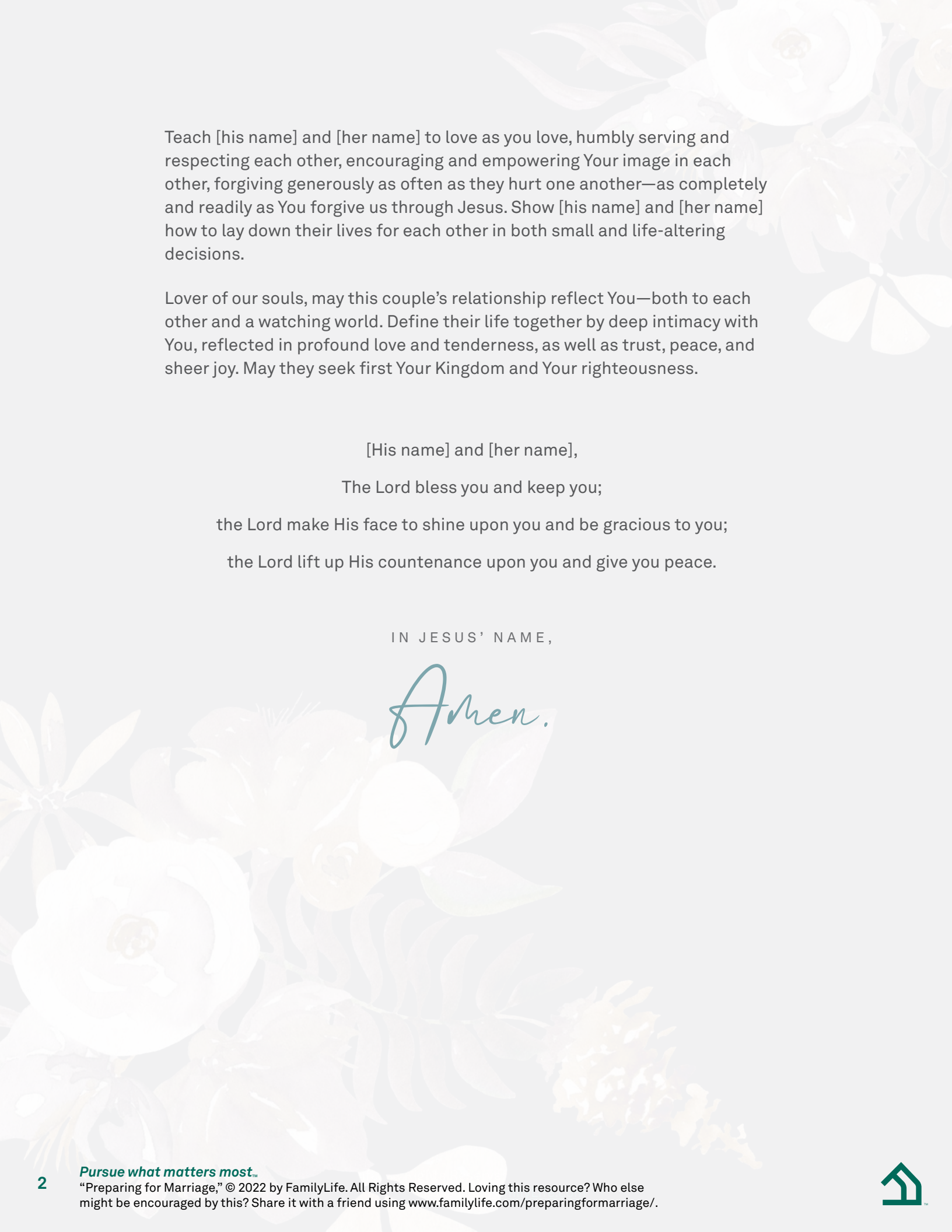
We are honored by Your presence here and ask for Your favor not just in this moment, but for a lifetime.

Only You know what lies before this couple—the moments of sheer bliss, the inevitable tears, the mundane and sparkling days of love, the moments they'll glide through and muscle through, the seasons where they'll feel like giving up and those where they will triumph. Give them friendship and faithful love that deepens over a lifetime. May they only part through death.

We ask for Your presence in every moment after this. Because if You don't go with us, what do we have?

Genius Creator, all Your ways are perfection. Marriage, and the marriage of [her name] and [his name], are your holy idea. We ask that what you join together today, nothing would separate. Help [his name] and [her name] to actively war against every force that threatens their unity. Let Your own power and every witness in this room work for their oneness. We ask that you never let [his name] and [her name] walk away from You or from each other.





Teach [his name] and [her name] to love as you love, humbly serving and respecting each other, encouraging and empowering Your image in each other, forgiving generously as often as they hurt one another—as completely and readily as You forgive us through Jesus. Show [his name] and [her name] how to lay down their lives for each other in both small and life-altering decisions.

Lover of our souls, may this couple's relationship reflect You—both to each other and a watching world. Define their life together by deep intimacy with You, reflected in profound love and tenderness, as well as trust, peace, and sheer joy. May they seek first Your Kingdom and Your righteousness.

[His name] and [her name],

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

IN JESUS' NAME,

Amen.