



LCRL PRAYER PARTNERS

JUNE: TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

Opposites Attract

As every parent discovers on Christmas morning, batteries are essential to the child's happiness. For without batteries the lights won't light, the "Boops" won't "Boop", and the game sits dark. In addition, batteries must be inserted in the correct manner for the child's day to be salvaged. For it is a scientific reality that electricity will only flow when the positive (+) terminal is connected to the negative (-) one. Batteries connected by two positives or two negatives will not produce the necessary electrical flow – opposites are good for electricity.

The earth's rotation creates the opposites of day and night. As residents of the northern latitudes understand, too much day or too much night can create irritability and a sense of general "yuck," Opposites of light are good for the body, mind, and community.

Fire and water, matter and anti-matter, predator and prey, hot and cold, and magnets are all examples of how opposites are necessary and crucial for growth, comfort, and life.

Male and female are opposites that complement each other and are necessary for the continuation of life. The family unit benefits by the tendency of the male to safeguard and protect, while the female nurtures and cares. Males traditionally relate to the world and issues with a rational and reasoned approach, while females add empathy, communication, and cooperation. Males often regard gift giving as a necessary evil best accomplished with practical and last-minute trips to a hardware store, while females tend to view the whole process as an opportunity for individuality, sentiment, and emotion. (The male sees a vacuum as a perfect expression of love; females generally prefer something a little less involved with work.)

Male and female are not just complementary partners in marriage; they are the exclusive means for procreation.

Of all the rights and responsibilities assigned to marriage, none is greater than that of being a "mom" and "dad." Mothers and fathers tend to parent differently. While dad may forbid his daughter to wear make-up until she is 35 years old, mom will teach her the fine art of foundation and lipstick when she is a teen. Where mom will hesitate to have her son play with slimy worms, dad will take him fishing. Yes, moms and dads each bring something unique to the child – and the child benefits.

Opposites attract in electricity, magnets, atoms, and in humans. *"Viva la différence"*

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty advocates for Traditional Marriage.

Let Us Pray:

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Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks to You for the ways in which You provide support and encouragement for the servants, especially the gift and blessing of Christian marriage; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom that, as they grow in years, we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let Us Encourage:

PRINT – PERSONALIZE – Pray

The LCRL asks that you would commit to pray for those people and organizations that labor on behalf of traditional marriage during the month of June.

Not only do we ask that you would pray, but that you would share this prayer request with your family, friends, neighbors, and congregation.

Focus on the Family is one such organization that provides instruction and support for radiational marriage.

Not only do they provide materials for couples, they also provide many resources for parents and their children.

Please see:

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/marriage-ministry/>
for one such organization. You may be familiar with other local or national organizations.

Please feel free to cut out this bookmark and keep it in your Bible for handy reference and a reminder for prayer.



First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV

