



LCRL PRAYER PARTNERS

JUNE: TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

The Wives – Quiet Strength and Support

June 1776 was a month heavy with consequence. In Philadelphia, the men of the Continental Congress gathered in sweltering rooms, weighing the future of a people who had never before stood on their own. They argued, prayed, drafted, and redrafted words that would change the course of history. They knew what they were preparing to do. They were getting ready to pledge their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. And they understood that such a pledge was not poetic flourish—it was a real risk of death, ruin, and the loss of everything they held dear.

Yet behind these men stood a quiet army whose names rarely appear in the history books. The wives of the signers carried a burden every bit as heavy as the one their husbands bore in Philadelphia. Their strength was not displayed in speeches or signatures but in the daily, unseen faithfulness that made the work of independence possible.

While their husbands debated the fate of a continent, these women managed homes, farms, and businesses with steady hands. They oversaw harvests, negotiated with merchants, and protected property from the uncertainties of war. They raised children in a world trembling on the edge of conflict, teaching them Scripture, virtue, and the meaning of liberty. In their kitchens and parlors, they shaped the next generation of patriots long before the nation was born.

Their letters—full of encouragement, resolve, and sometimes fear—traveled the rough roads between home and Philadelphia. Those words sustained their husbands more than history often admits. A single line from a wife could strengthen a man to remain at his post, to vote his conscience, to stay the course when the cost felt unbearable. Their complementary gifts—steadfastness, wisdom, courage—were not secondary to the cause. They were essential to it.

Without these wives standing with their husbands, the story of American independence would look very different. Their marriages formed the quiet foundation beneath the bold declarations. Their partnership embodied a truth still worth honoring: that strong, faithful marriages shape strong, faithful societies.

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty lifts up this vision of traditional marriage—not as nostalgia, but as a living, God-given design that strengthens families, communities, and nations. The wives of June 1776 remind us that behind every great act of public courage stands the quiet strength of covenant love.

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 traditional marriage.

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

For more information, see:

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/marriage-ministry/>

Please pray for other local or national organizations that support traditional marriage that you are aware of.

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

