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| <p><b>Theme:</b> Celebrating Marriage</p> <p>Now the Lord God said, It is not good (sufficient, satisfactory) that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper meet (suitable, adapted, complementary) for him. Genesis 2;18 (Amplified Version)</p>  | <p><b>Date:</b> 4 November 2011</p> <p><b>Comment</b></p> <p>I wonder if you are aware of Marriage Week? Every year round about St Valentine’s Day couples throughout the world celebrate their own marriages and also remind others about the wonderful blessing this relationship, ordained and blessed by God, has on society. In the UK, churches will be encouraged to organize special events for couples to be together and reflect on their love for one another, how they have wept and laughed together through the good times and bad.</p> <p>Marriage as we have always known it is actually under threat – many would like to redefine it and widen it beyond the exclusive relationship between one man and one woman. I was at a meeting today to plan Marriage Week 2012 and we were thinking again how important it is to strengthen one another in our relationships and build marriage in our local communities. It’s a great opportunity! Take a look on their website – you will find plenty of ideas that might be perfect in your neck of the woods. <a href="http://www.marriageweek.org">www.marriageweek.org</a> FI<br/>PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE</p> |
| <p><b>Prayer (as a couple):</b></p> <p>Heavenly Father, You are the One who thought up the great idea of marriage as a way for man and a woman to live together in mutual affection and build strong loving families. Please bless our relationship and make us even stronger. Through Jesus name, Amen.</p>                                  | <p><b>Prayer (for others):</b></p> <p>Lord, we think of ___ and _____ and the inspiring example they are in their family, among their friends and in the local community. Please continue to protect their love and help them to grow even closer. Let their light shine into the lives of couples who are struggling; that this would encourage them to persevere in their own marriages. Amen.</p>   |

**Final quote:**

**Marriage – The building block of society**

**Remember others will also be praying in this way this week. Together and with God we can make a difference.** Not to be used in other publications without permission. Please credit When2Pray if you pass on this email or its contents.