


## Printer-friendly version of ePrayer

<p><b>Theme:</b> Priorities</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 12 April 2013</p>
<p><b>Scripture:</b>  <b>20</b> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <b>21</b> So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <b>22</b> Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.  <b>23</b> The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman", for she was taken out of man.'  <b>24</b> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.          Gen 2:20-24 (NIV)</p> 	<p><b>Comment:</b>          God means our marriages to be important. Elsewhere the Bible says that man is to love his wife as he loves himself. It seems that our relationship with our partners is to have priority over just about everything, other than our relationship with God.          So often I let other people's demands get in the way so for me I think the main problem is poor boundaries. I need to say "No" to more things so that I can say "Yes" to our relationship and give it the time and space it deserves. I'm also easily distracted.          We can also seek solace in all sorts of things such as busyness, money, belongings, reputation, and children.          What about you?          What could you change?</p>
<p><b>Prayer (as a couple):</b>          Dear Lord, help me to recognize the priority I should give our marriage, and to see it the way you intended. Help me to see what I need to change. Help .... and I to make the adjustments that need to be made and to recognise when we are being distracted. Help us to speak the truth in love and to encourage one another. For we ask in Jesus' Holy name. Amen.</p>	<p><b>Prayer (for others):</b>          Dear Lord we pray for ..... and .... and for other couples in our community. Help them to give their relationship the right priority. Open their eyes Lord to the things that are getting in the way and to make adjustments that please you. Amen</p>

**Remember others will also be praying in this way this week. Together and with God we can make a difference.**