

"Heavenly Father, You have promised if I ask for anything that pleases You, I can be confident You hear me, and You will give me what I ask.

Lord, I admit I don't know the details of Your plan, or always understand Your ways, so I'm counting on Your Holy Spirit to help me as I pray.

But I do know You have told me in Your Word that You hate divorce, and Your desire is for us to be faithful to our marriage vows. I also know You've given us the freedom to disobey You, but I believe You somehow have sovereignty even over that. So, if You decide to get ahold of someone's heart You can, and You will. I know it's Your desire for everyone to follow You. So, I'm asking You to make my love into a man after Your own heart. Take away his stubborn heart of stone, and replace it with a tender responsive heart that is eager to obey You! Admittedly, I don't understand how that works, and it scares me quite a bit to think about what it might mean for You to get ahold of him. I don't really want to face how bad it might have to get before it will get better.

But God, I also know that You've filled me with love for this man, and I so deeply want us to have a marriage that looks like the picture You painted in Scripture. I want our marriage to be a reflection of Your relationship to Your church. I want our marriage to point people to You! I want godly children from our union, and I KNOW you do too!

So, I'm asking You – whatever it takes, God, make our marriage into THAT!

And give me the strength and courage to see it through. Lord, give me Your eyes for my husband. Give me Your heart for our marriage. Give me Your wisdom about what I should do.

Lord, give me justice. And quickly.

In Jesus's Name, amen."