



A selection of readings and prayers for same-sex couples who wish to mark and give thanks for their love in faith before God was formally commended for use by the Church of England's bishops in December 2023.

Many churches are now in the process of adopting these prayers of dedication, thanksgiving and asking for God's blessing, and would be delighted for same-sex couples to request to use these special as part of a regular public Church of England service.

Individual ministers can choose whether or not they offer these **Prayers of Love and Faith**.

Your local church can advise you or you can find a church where they are available by entering your postcode and the term "Prayers of Love and Faith" on [achurchnearyou.com](https://www.achurchnearyou.com). It is not legally possible for Church of England clergy to carry out same-sex marriages.

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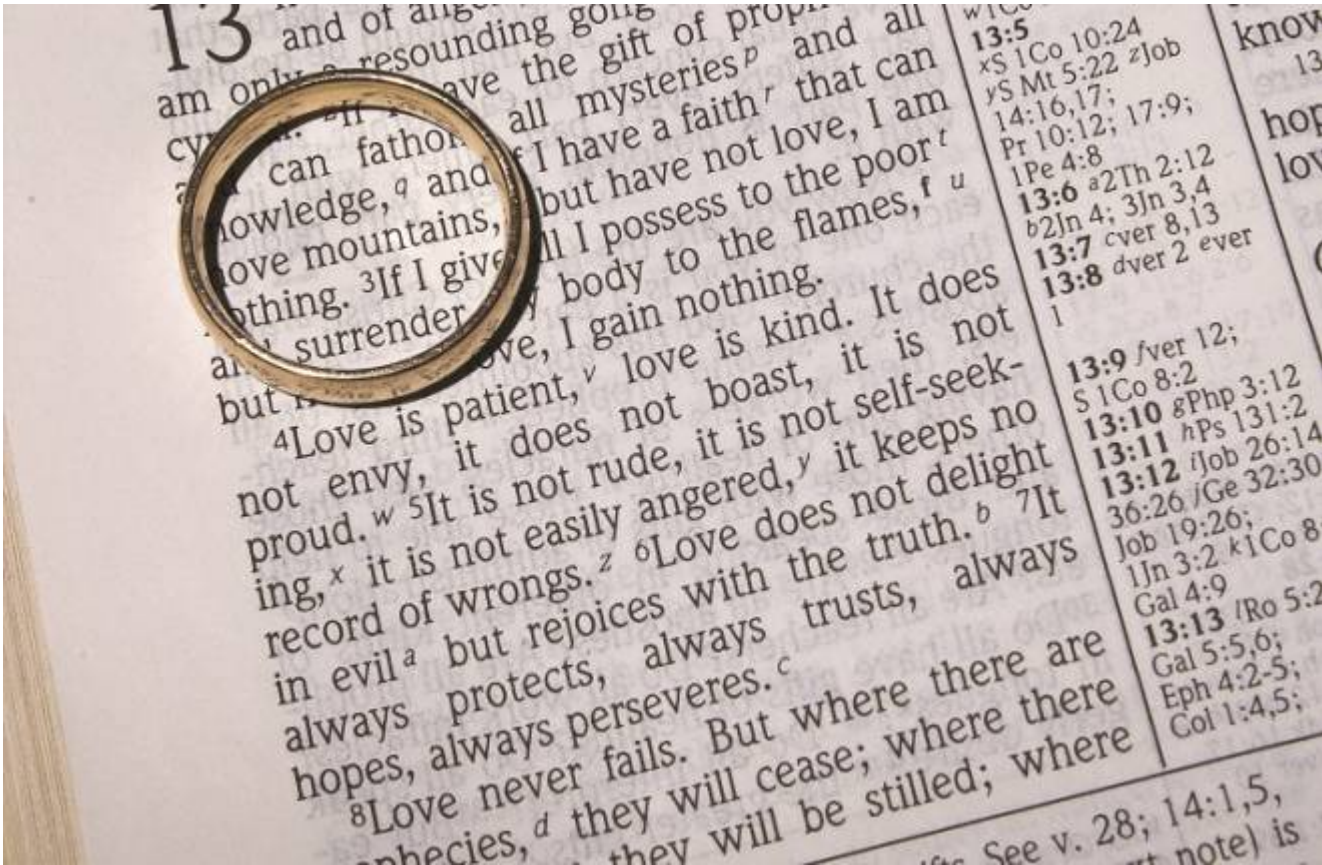
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