

Blessings

"May you always need one another, not to fill an emptiness, but to help each other know your fullness. May you want one another, but not out of lack. May you embrace one another, but not encircle one another. May you succeed in all important ways with each other, and not fail in the little graces. May you have happiness, and may you find it in making one another happy. May you have love, and may you find it in loving one another."

"True marriage is more than joining the bonds of marriage of two persons; it is the union of two hearts. It lives on the love you give each other and never grows old, but thrives on the joy of each new day. Marriage is love. May you always be able to talk things over, to confide in each other, to laugh with each other, to enjoy life together, and to share moments of quiet and peace, when the day is done. May you be blessed with a lifetime of happiness and a home of warmth and understanding."

"Love should have no other desire but to fulfil itself. But if your love and needs must have desires, let these be your desires: To melt and be like a running brook that sings its melody to the night. To know the pain of too much tenderness. To be wounded by your own understanding of love; And to bleed willingly and joyfully. To wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving; To rest at the noon hour and meditate love's ecstasy; To return home at eventide with gratitude; Then to sleep with a vision of the beloved in your heart and a song of love on your lips."

"_____ and _____, remember to treat yourselves and each other with respect, and remind yourselves often of what brought you together. Take responsibility for making the other feel safe, and give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness and kindness that your connection deserves. When frustration, difficulty and fear assail your relationship, as they threaten all relationships at some time or another, remember to focus on what is right between you, not just the part that seems wrong. In this way, you can survive the times when clouds drift across the face of the sun in your lives, remembering that, just because you may lose sight of it for a moment, does not mean the sun has gone away. And, if each of you takes responsibility for the quality of your life together, it will be marked by abundance and delight."

Apache Blessing: "Now you will feel no rain, for each of you will be shelter for the other. Now you will feel no cold, for each of you will be warmth to the other. Now there will be no loneliness, for each of you will be companion to the other. Now you are two persons, but there is only one life before you. May beauty surround you both in the journey ahead and through all the years, May happiness be your companion and your days together be good and long upon the earth."

The Prophet, Kahlil Gibran: "You were born together, and together you shall be forevermore. You shall be together when the white wings of death scatter your days. But let there be spaces in your togetherness, and let the winds of the heavens dance between you. Love one another, but make not a bond of your love; let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your soul. Fill each others' cup but drink not from one cup. Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf. Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone. Even as the strings of a lute are alone, though they quiver with the same music. Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping. For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts. And stand together yet not too near together: for the pillars of the temple stand apart, and the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow."

"_____ and _____, seek from within yourselves
The serenity to accept the things you cannot change
The courage to change the things that you must
And the wisdom to know the difference.
Live each day, one day at a time
Enjoying your time together, one moment at a time
Seek the wisdom of experience
Learning all that you can from each other

Accept hardships as the building blocks of experience
Realising that accepting both the good and bad
Are simply a part of being alive
Strive to make as many things right
As is humanly possible in your life together
That you may be reasonably happy
In the life you share from this day forward"

In the years which shall bring _____ and _____ into greater age and wisdom, we pray that their love shall be ever young; that they shall be able always to recover, from moments of despair, the passionate ways of youth. In this hope, may they keep the vows made on this day, in freedom, teaching each other who they are, what they yet shall be, enabling them to know that in the fullness of being, they are more than themselves and more than each other; that they are all of us, and that together we share joyously the fruits of life.

May you have happiness, and may you find it in making one another happy.
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May you have love, and may you find it in loving one another.

I offer this Blessing upon your Marriage::
May you always be surrounded with love
Every breath you take is sweet and good
See, Know, Recognise Goodness in You - Others - Everything
May your lives Be Long
Be free from harm
Wishes Given from Goodness Within
Received from Goodness Within
Be united as one, in love forever.

BLESSING SPIRITUAL NATURE

May the Lord and Lady bless you both, and may these blessings fall upon your love and your marriage for as long as you shall live and love together.
Blessed be by the element of air. May you be blessed with communication, intellectual growth, and wisdom.
Blessed be by the element of fire. May you be blessed with harmony, vitality, creativity, and passion.
Blessed be by the element of water. May you be blessed with friendship, intuition, caring, understanding, and love.
Blessed be by the element of earth. May you be blessed with tenderness, happiness, compassion, and sensuality.
May these blessings of the Lord and Lady be with you always, and fill all of your coming days.

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

In times past it was believed that the human soul shared characteristics with all things divine. It is this belief which assigned virtues to the cardinal directions; East, South, West and North. It is in this tradition that a blessing is offered in support of this ceremony.
Blessed be this union with the gifts of the East.
Communication of the heart, mind, and body
Fresh beginnings with the rising of each Sun.
The knowledge of the growth found in the sharing of silences.
Blessed be this union with the gifts of the South.

Warmth of hearth and home
The heat of the heart's passion
The light created by both to illuminate the darkest of times.
Blessed be this union with the gifts of the West.
The deep commitments of the lake
The swift excitement of the river
The refreshing cleansing of the rain
The all encompassing passion of the sea.
Blessed be this union with the gifts of the North
Firm foundation on which to build
Fertility of the fields to enrich your lives
A stable home to which you may always return.
Classic Reading from "The Prophet"

" Love one another, but make not a bond of that love. Let it rather be like a moving sea between the shores of your souls.
And stand together, and yet not too near together. For even the pillars of the temple must stand apart; and the oak tree and the cypress will not grow in each other's shadow.
Remember that love gives nothing but from itself. Love possesses not, nor would it be possessed, for love is sufficient unto love.
And think not that you can direct the course of love. For love, if it finds you worthy, will direct your course."

TO LOVE

As you take these vows, I would have you remember: To love is to enter a whole New World, a world of togetherness, a world of sharing.
Always remember those unique qualities that drew you to each other in the beginning...the thrill of discovery.... That wonderful feeling of oneness when your eyes met.
To love is to constantly search for new ways to bring each other to happiness, to make the most of every moment you share together.
With love there is no need to pretend...where you can be yourselves.... And know within your hearts, you will be accepted by one another.
To love is to always believe and trust in one another.
To love is to dream, and to dare.... And always believe that all things are possible with faith and love.

Friendship and Love

We have come together from near and far to celebrate your lives as individuals and to bestow our blessings upon you as you begin a magical journey together as husband and wife. We have come together to witness the creation of a brand new family, and to share in the joy of that moment with you. Your marriage will develop a true friendship between you and that friendship must be strong and able to withstand the tests of time. Remember that when you are a true friend to someone you want to spend time with them; you want to share with them; care for them when they are sick spiritually or physically; you want to learn new things with them; you want to change with them; you want to grow in truth with them; and you want to experience all that life has to offer with them. Through this process you will wind-up on the same page together, and that is the secret to having peace and happiness in your lives. Take responsibility for making the other one to feel safe, and give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness, and kindness that your relationship deserves. Never allow anything to be more important than the one you have chosen to spend your life together with.

Welsh blessing ~ Wishing you A house full of sunshine, Hearts full of cheer, Love that grows deeper each day of the year.

You were born together, and together you shall be forevermore. You shall be together when the white wings of death scatter your days. Aye, you shall be together even in the silent memory of God. But let there be spaces in your togetherness, And let the winds of the heavens dance between you. Love one another but make not a bond of love: Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls. Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup. Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf. Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each of you be alone, Even as the strings of the lute are alone though they quiver with the same music. Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping. For only the hands of Life can contain your hearts. And stand together, yet not too near together: For the pillars of the temple stand apart, And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow.

Kahlil Gibran

May your joys be as bright as the morning, your years of happiness as numerous as the stars in the heavens, and your troubles but shadows that fade in the sunlight of love.

Old English Blessing

To keep your marriage brimming, with love in the wedding cup, whenever you're wrong, admit it; whenever you're right, shut up.

Ogden Nash

Before I pronounce you husband and wife, I have just one more thing I want you to do.

Your wedding day is one that seems to fly.

It's a day filled with emotion, friends, rings and dances.

Many people remember how fleeting their own wedding day was.

So I want you to take a few seconds to look onto each other's eyes.

Think about the happiness that you're feeling in this place, in this moment.

Really let that feeling register in your heart and your mind.

Now, I want you to think about your life together in twenty years. Where are you? What are you doing?

We all know that your visions of the future are not identical, but always complementary.

John Lennon once said, "a dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together, THAT is reality."

That reality starts now.

Remember that your love is the basis for this marriage; desire nothing else, fear nothing else and allow your love to blossom into what love was meant to be.

Allow for spaces in your time together, giving each other room to grow.

Love one another; allow that love to be a source of strength, which feeds your soul.

Fill one another's cup, but drink each from your own.

Share your bread, but have each your own slice.

Sing and dance together, but remember that though you may move together, you each must dance your own steps.

None of us knows what the future will bring . . . the important thing is to live today to the fullest and face tomorrow with the certainty that you can accept and handle what it brings.

May your love be one based on freedom.

For though our hands may touch, it's our hearts that hold.

When you hold love within your heart, you radiate a light, which shall brighten all the days of your life and beyond.

Everything we truly love becomes a part of us forever.

So take your time with each other. Let your love's seed grow and mature with the seasons, to provide you with warmth, serenity, joy and acceptance throughout all the years of your marriage.

Love is not a wall; it is a bridge.

Love does not confine; it sets you free.

It leads, as a pathway, winding, to places unknown and mysterious.

With love to light the way, you can meet any challenge, together.

Go into the world and fulfil your dreams.

Love, support, and help one another as you grow.

Seek out opportunities to be good to each other.

May the seeds of your love, now planted in marriage, continue to grow.

May your life together be as a pebble dropped in a pond — an example of love and unity spread outward to your family, your friends and to the wider circle of the world.

BRIDE and GROOM, you came here today, in the presence of family and friends, to express your love for, and commitment to each other. Your lives are forever changed.

Now, you can face your fears, for you each will be strength to the other.

Now, you can brave the wind, for you each will be shelter to the other.

Now, you can reap the rewards, for you each will be partner to the other.

Now though you are two bodies, there is one life before you.

And there, in that life, may you always find love.

Each day of your life together,

May the sun rise on new joys and new treasures

To discover with each other.

And each evening,

May it set peacefully on a world made bright and beautiful by the love you share.

May the lifelong joining of your hearts and minds continue to show you your purpose and may you always be brought most beautifully and steadfastly into the presence of yourselves and of one another living long and happily, fulfilling all that you are.

GROOM AND BRIDE I would ask that you always treat yourself and each other with respect, and remind yourselves often of what brought you together today.

Give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness and kindness that your marriage deserves.

When frustration and difficulty assail your marriage — as they do to every relationship at one time or another — focus on what still seems right between you, not only the part that seems wrong.

This way, when clouds of trouble hide the sun in your lives and you lose sight of it for a moment, you can remember that the sun is still there.

And if each of you will take responsibility for the quality of your life together, it will be marked by abundance and happiness.

Treat yourself and each other with respect, and remind yourselves often of what brought you together.

Give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness and kindness that your connection deserves.

When frustration, difficulties and fear assail your relationship, as they threaten all relationships at one time or another, remember to focus on what is right between you, not only the part that seems wrong.

In this way, you can ride out the storms when clouds hide the face of the sun in your lives — remembering that even if you lose sight of it for a moment, the sun is still there.

And if each of you will take responsibility for the quality of your life together, it will be marked by abundance and delight.

To make your relationship work will take love.

This is the core of your marriage and why you are here today.

It will take trust, to know, that in your hearts, you truly want what is best for each other.

It will take dedication, to stay open to one another — and to learn and grow together.

It will take faith, to go forward together, without knowing exactly what the future brings.

And it will take commitment, to hold true to the journey you both have pledged to today.

It was love that brought you here today. It's love that makes your's a glorious union. And it will be love that makes your marriage endure.

Love has given you wings, and your journey begins today. Wherever the wind may carry you, you will stay by each other's side.

I therefore join with everyone gathered here today in extending to you our love and support, and our wish for your relationship to just simply flourish and grow throughout a long and happy life together.

May your lives be filled with wisdom, blessed with good health, and abundant with miracles. May you eternally have your amusement, remembering how to play, and may you always see the connection that brought you both together.

BRIDE and GROOM, we are here today to celebrate with you, as you declare your love for and commitment to each other.

We are also here to offer you the gift of our blessings.

We wish for you love — a love that brings out the best in you, as you bring out the best in each other.

One that gives you something to lean on when you need it most.

And one that allows you to see each other as you really are, reminding you why you're together. We wish for you a home — more just a place to live, but a haven from the pressures of the world outside your door.

A place to let down your guard, unburden yourself and know that there's someone always on your side.

Finally, we wish for you joy — a joy that makes you laugh out loud.

A joy that lights your eyes and fills your soul.

And a joy that shouts to the world of your happiness with one another.

All this and more we wish for you today, and every day throughout the years of your marriage.

May you be blessed and sustained as you venture through the uncharted and challenging times that every relationship experiences.

May you find within yourselves all that you need to nurture your marriage.

May you continue to grow closer together with a love that grows deeper and richer with each passing day.

May your marriage bring you all the exquisite excitements a marriage should bring, And may life grant you patience, tolerance, and understanding.

May you always need one another — not so much to fill your emptiness as to help you know your fullness.

May you need one another, but not out of weakness.

May you want one another, but not out of lack.

May you entice one another but not compel one another.

May you embrace one another, without smothering.

May you succeed in the important ways with one another, and excel in the little graces.

May you look for things to praise, often say 'I love you', and take ignore any small faults.

If you have quarrels that push you apart, may both of you have good sense enough to take the first step back.

May you enter into the mystery that is the awareness of one another's presence — no more physical than spiritual, warm and near when you are side by side, and warm and near when you are in separate rooms or even distant cities.

May you have love, and may you find it loving one another.

BRIDE and GROOM have come a long way. From (insert reference to how the couple met), to declaring their devotion to each other today.

Theirs is a continuing journey.

It will not always be easy.

They will face challenges, trials, and hardships, as we all do.

But their union is strong and vital.

Their task now is to find joy in seeing each other constantly blossoming, to find exhilaration in change and purpose in the new roads traveled, no matter what direction is taken.

They are explorers, these two.

And the strength of their marriage is a strength that celebrates every minute of life, as well as the living mystery of their love.

The Irish Wedding Blessing

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon the fields.

May the light of friendship guide your paths together.

May the laughter of children grace the halls of your home.

May the joy of living for one another trip a smile from your lips, a twinkle from your eye.

And when eternity beckons,

at the end of a life heaped high with love,

May the good Lord embrace you

with the arms that have nurtured you

the whole length of your joy-filled days.

May you always share with each other the gifts of love and be one in heart and always beautiful of mind.

And may you always create a home together that puts in your hearts, love, generosity and kindness.

We rejoice in the grace of this moment of giving and receiving of the heart, of the miracle of love expressed on earth.

May these two loving people be a blessing and inspiration to each other and to all those close to them.

May they share each other's joys, sorrows, achievements and dreams in their life's adventure and journey together.

May their sensitivity and understanding for one another deepen, and may they nurture and support one another through all growth and all challenges.

May they maintain and strengthen their respect and honour for each other's individuality while holding in their hearts the truth and the power of this union.

May patience and understanding be theirs in vast resources to call upon, and may forgiveness always be a natural expression of their love for each other and for all those in their lives.

We now ask a blessing of happiness upon BRIDE and GROOM, and may they share their happiness with all those whose lives they touch.

BRIDE and GROOM, may this be the love that you bring into this relationship and may its essence touch all those with whom you come in contact.

Just as the waters touch and nourish the many shores of the earth, may your love be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.

Love enriches each part of life and marriage enriches love.

Your lives, shared in love, can hold more fulfilment and happiness than either life alone.

Love is the reason this day was chosen by you to begin you lives together and love is the reason you will give with all your hearts for the good of each other.

Love is the reason that together you will become one; one in hope; one in believing; one in sharing the coming years.

BRIDE and GROOM, if there is anything you remember of this marriage ceremony, may it be the love that brought you here today.

It is only love which can make it a glorious union, and by love which your marriage shall endure. Today your separate lives with your individual memories, desires, and hopes merge into one.

You are now taking into your care and keeping the happiness of the one person in the entire world whom you love above all others.

You are adding to your life not only the affection of each other, but also the companionship and blessing of a deep trust as well.

You are agreeing to share strength, responsibilities and to share love.

May you be a blessing and comfort to each other, sharers of each others dreams, conscience of each other's sorrows, helpers to each other in all of life's challenges.

May you encourage each other in whatever you set out to achieve.

May you trust each other, trust life and be unafraid.

May you love each other and offer love and support to those around you.

May your marriage bring you all the exquisite excitements a marriage should bring, and may life grant you patience, tolerance, and understanding.

May all that you are, always be in love; may all that is love, always be in you.

May your love be as beautiful on each day you share as it is on this day of celebration.

And may each day you share be as precious to you as the day when you first fell in love.

May you always see and encourage the best in each other.

May the challenges life brings your way make your marriage even stronger.

And may you always be each other's best friend and greatest love.

The Elements of Love

May your Love be like the earth

Rich, natural, and deeply rooted

Strong as rock yet soft as sand

Always growing and always patient

May your love be like fire

Passionate, intense and energetic

A flame that never dies

As radiant as the morning sun

And as warm as an evening embrace

May your love be like water

Moving, constantly changing

Never still, never stagnant

As vast as the ocean

And as fresh as a spring's rain

May your love be like air

The sharing of dreams, thoughts and emotions

Always fragrant, always carefree

Found in the breeze of a whisper

Or in the breath of a kiss

May your love be like all four elements

Physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually intertwined

To create the perfect balance

And to craft the perfect ribbon

For to bind these two hearts into one

Beach Wedding Blessing...

As we stand here under the vast sky of love's possibilities, beside the ocean wide and deep, we give expression to our intention that this marriage grow stronger through the seasons.

We honour earth and ask that this marriage be abundant and fruitful;

We honour wind and ask that they be lifted up to soar through life, safe and calm;

We honour fire and ask that their union be warm and glowing with love in their hearts;

We honour water to cleanse and soothe this union that it may never thirst for love;

Under this wondrous canopy of nature and with all the vast universe as our witness, we hope for them harmony and happiness as they grow forever together.

Blessing of the Sea (unknown)

NAME and NAME, as we stand by the ocean, may your love always be as constant and unchanging as these never-ending waves that break before us, flowing endlessly from the depths of the sea.

Your love came softly upon each other's hearts, just as the sea foam lies softly before us, and just as there will never be a morning without the ocean's flow, may there never be a day without your love for each other.

As the tides ebb and flow so to, do the fortunes of life. Footprints in the sand are washed away, driftwood moves on its endless quest for a peaceful harbour. Only a deep and abiding love can withstand the tides of change in two lives.

Pledge yourselves to each other this day, and promise to be as faithful and dependable as the tide. Just as these waters nourish the earth and sustain life, may your constant love nourish and sustain each other until the end of time.

This marriage is complete. Where there were two, there is now one.

Closing words are often the hardest. One never knows where one will find them. To begin, here's a wedding toast from Africa...

"Through others, we are someone.

Through this marriage, we broaden our family circle, we remember our heritage and recall those who gave us life.

We call upon our ancestors, the foundations of our families, immortalised in our thoughts.

We call upon our elders, whose wisdom we seek in all endeavours, our friends, whom we are blessed to have in our lives and our parents, who have guided us along the road to adulthood.

We call upon those who have passed over and could not be here today, and we call upon the bride and groom, that they may always find prosperity in love and devotion.

We ask that children bless this couple, because children give glory to a home.

Therefore we cast a libation to the North, to the South, to the East and to the West.

And we wish everyone to leave more blessed than when they came.

Amen.

Religious Blessings

You are a beautiful couple and will be a blessing to each other! May God look upon you kindly.

May the glow of love and happiness from your marriage day be with you for the rest of your lives! May the Good Lord bless you and keep you.

Congratulations to the newly weds! As you start together this new journey in life, I pray to God that, may you never have to take your hands apart.

I really feel so happy for you two. May God pour all his warmth and care on your lovely journey ahead.

Congratulations on your first big step together. May God send his blessings to you and the family you are about to start.

Best Wishes to the Bride and Groom! May God grant you a happy married life!

Congrats on this beautiful and lovely occasion! May the good Lord give you a wonderful life together!

As you unite today in marriage as Christians, I wish you both an eternity of love and happiness together. I pray Jesus shine his light upon you.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

" Dear heavenly Father (or "Oh Lord"), our hearts are filled with great happiness on _____ and _____'s wedding day, as they come before You pledging their hearts and lives to one another. Grant that they may be ever true and loving, living together in such a way as to never bring shame or heartbreak into their marriage. Temper their hearts with kindness and understanding, rid them of all pretence of jealousy. Help them to remember to be each other's sweetheart, helpmate, friend and guide, so that together they may meet the cares and problems of life more bravely. And with the passage of time, may the home they are creating today, truly be a place of love and harmony, where your spirit is ever present.

(optional mention of children in prayer here; see prayer including children below)

Bless this union we pray, and walk beside _____ and _____ throughout all their lives together. We ask these things in Jesus name; AMEN

PRAYER

Our dear Heavenly Father. We come before you this day, to consummate the marriage promises and commitment made by groom & bride. We give thanks to you for the many blessings you have bestowed on us. Thank you for bringing their paths together so that they may find and know true love.

Today we ask for blessing upon this ceremony and this marriage. We ask that you give bride and groom, words both kind and loving, hearts always ready to ask forgiveness as well as to forgive, and spirits filled with well-being and light.

May the love that brought them together grow and mature with each passing year. Bring them ever closer to You through their love for each other. May their love grow to perfection.

Amen

MARRIAGE PRAYER

Dear Lord,

We have come before you this day to give thanks for the love you have shared with these two people. We ask that you help (groom) and (bride) to always remember when they first met and to remember the strong love that grew between them. To work that love into practical things so nothing can divide them. Please help them find words both kind and loving and hearts always ready to ask forgiveness as well as able to forgive.

Dear Lord, we put this marriage into your hands.

Amen

Blessing of the Marriage

May you be blessed by God.

May you be touched by angels.

May your hearts stay full, your spirits stay connected, and may you love long and happily in one another's arms.

Blessing of the Marriage

May every desire you have for your Holy Union be fulfilled.

May you be given the mindfulness to clearly behold one another, the Truth with which to perceive each other most genuinely, and the endless generosity of spirit necessary to nourish one another's soul and sweetly keep the promises you make here today.

May the lifelong joining of your hearts and minds continue to show you your purpose and may you always be brought most beautifully and steadfastly into the presence of yourselves and of one another living long and happily, fulfilling all that you are.

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From this day forward, may you live together in peace; may you grow each day in understanding and compassion.

When you are apart, may you return to one another in togetherness.

May the home you establish be a place of sanctuary, where many will find a friend.

Blessing of the Marriage

Aware now that there is one Presence and Power, and that we are each part of that Divine unity, we now join in blessing BRIDE and GROOM as they begin their lives together.

We recognise that the presence of Spirit within them enables them to fulfil the promise of true partnership in life.

We know and affirm that life in joy and love.

Blessing of the Marriage

We give thanks for life, for health, for all that sustains us, and for this joyous day. We honour the mystery and wonder in Creation's every breath. We praise human being: its yearning for tomorrow's wine, and for the taste of this morning's bread.

We celebrate the divine energy that pours through our separate selves and makes us one. We sing of these friends, whose life renews itself in their communion of body and mind and heart.

We pray that joy be found in earth's four corners. Justice, freedom, laughter, truth; peace, and love, and hope – may the human heritage become, at last, the human way.

Blessing of the Marriage

The Spirit moves in each of our lives.

What shall we call it?

God, Christ, the Universe, the Higher Self, a Higher Power?

We call it by different names, or we may not know what to call it.

We get glimpses of Spirit as we go though our day-to-day lives.

At times we are lifted above the mundane to see and sense the sacred clearly.

May today be one of those times, when Spirit is present and clearly felt, when we're lifted out of our daily concerns and for a moment held in the embrace of a higher awareness.

Blessing of the Marriage

May there be truth and understanding between you.

May you enjoy length of days, fulfilment of hopes, and peace and contentment of mind.

May God bless you and keep you always.

Amen

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Bless their marriage, O God, as they begin their journey down the road of life together.

We don't know what lies ahead for the road turns and bends.

But help them to make the best of whatever comes their way.

Help them to continue to enjoy each other as they did when they first met.

Help them to realise that nothing nor no one is perfect and to look for the good in all things and all people including themselves.

Help them to respect each other's likes and dislikes, opinions and beliefs, hopes and dreams and fears even though they may not always understand them.

Help them to learn from each other and to help each other to grow mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

Help them to realise that no matter what happens to them they will hold on to each other and know that things have a way of working out for the good.

Help them to create for their children a peaceful, stable home of love as a foundation on which they can build their lives.

But most of all, dear God, help them to keep lit the torch of love' that they now share so that by their loving example they may pass on the light of love to their children and to their children's children forever.

Amen.

Blessing of the Marriage

Bride and Groom, you now have the opportunity for expressing through your union and partnership, God's glory, love and healing.

How could this be?

Through devotion and service to each other.

Through patience, kindness, total acceptance of each other, tempered by the willingness to change.

You will be tempted, as time goes by, to take for granted the love which today seems so precious and dear, to speak to and treat each other in ways that do not reflect the highest good in both of you.

Resist it.

Promise to always see the goodness in your partner, even when it's especially difficult.

God will provide you the way, if you are willing.

He is the key to your success as a married couple.

Call on Him devotedly and consistently to guide your thinking and bless your home.

May this marriage be to you a heavenly sanctuary.

God bless you.

Blessing of the Marriage

May God's blessings rest upon you, may God's peace abide with you, and may God's presence illuminate your hearts, now and forevermore.

Amen.

Blessing of the Marriage

May the Peace that passes all understanding be yours now and forevermore.

Blessing of the Marriage

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Blessing of the Marriage

The two of you are now joined in one unbroken circle.

Wherever you go, may you always return to one another in your togetherness.

May you two find in each other the love for which all men and women long.

May you grow in understanding and in compassion.

May the home that you establish be such a place of sanctuary that all who visit will find there a friend.

And may the Lord bless you and keep you forevermore.

Amen.

Blessing of the Marriage

You have promised your love to each other, formalising the existence of the bond between you, and you have exchanged vows and symbols of love before God and this community.

From now on each of you will see your own experiences in a new light as your life together unfolds.

May you have courage to love each other and all others on this earth, not only as you are now but as you are yet to be.

Let all others honour your decision.

Blessing of the Marriage

BRIDE and GROOM,

God bless you and guide you in your faithful commitment to one another.

God defend you and shelter you in your tender love for one another.

God uphold you in all life's challenges, and shower you with all life's rewards,

That you always find strength and delight in each other, and grow in love until your life's end.

Amen.

Blessing of the Marriage

May your marriage bring you all the exquisite excitements a marriage should bring, and may life grant you also patience, tolerance and understanding.

May you always need one another not so much to fill your emptiness as to help you to know your fullness.

A mountain needs a valley to be complete; the valley does not make the mountain less, but more; and the valley is more a valley because it has a mountain towering over it.

So let it be with you and you.

May you need one another, but not out of weakness.

May you want one another, but not out of lack.

May you entice one another, but not compel one another.

May you embrace one another, but not encircle one another.

May you succeed in all important ways with one another, and not fail in the little graces.

May you look for things to praise, often say, "I love you!" and take no notice of small faults.

If you have quarrels that push you apart, may both of you hope to have good sense enough to take the first step back.

May you enter into the mystery which is the awareness of one another's presence no more physical than spiritual, warm and near when you are side by side, and warm and near when you are in separate rooms or even distant cities.

May you have happiness, and may you find it making one another happy.

May you have love, and may you find it loving one another!

Thank You, God, for Your presence here with us and Your blessing on this marriage.

Amen.

Blessing of the Marriage

Father our hearts are filled with great happiness.

This is BRIDE and GROOM's wedding day.

They come before you, pledging their lives and their hearts to one another.

Grant that they may be ever true and loving, living together in such a way as to never bring heartache into their marriage.

Temper their hearts with kindness and help them to be sweethearts, helpmates, friend and guide, and together, may they meet the cares and problems of life more bravely.

Let them remember the value of each other as individuals, and never take each other for granted.

And as time takes away their youthful charm, may they find contentment in the greater joys of rich companionship.

May their home truly be a place of love and harmony where your spirit is ever present.

Bless their wedding day, we pray, and walk beside them, through all their life together.

May their love continue through life and finally blend in the life eternal. Amen

Blessing of the Marriage

Holy Father, Creator of the Universe, maker of man and woman in your likeness, source of blessing for married life, we humbly pray to You for BRIDE and GROOM who today are united in this sacrament of marriage.

May Your fullest blessing come upon them so that they may together rejoice in Your gift of married love.

BRIDE and GROOM, may you reach old age in the company of your friends, and come at last to the kingdom of heaven.

Amen

Blessing of the Marriage

Most gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon BRIDE and GROOM.

Defend them from every enemy.

Lead them into all peace.

Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads.

Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death.

Blessing of the Marriage

Blessed by you, Life-Spirit of the universe, who makes a distinction between holy and not yet holy, between light and dark, between committed and uncommitted, between common goals and personal goals, between love and aloneness.

Blessed by You who distinguishes, BRIDE and GROOM begin their marriage tonight.

Bless them in their work and in their companionship, in their sleeping and in their waking, in their joys and in their sorrows; in their lives and in their deaths.

As they become bound more closely to each other, may they also be more surely themselves.

Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts and a sign of Your high love. In beauty, they walk, with beauty before them, with beauty behind them, they walk.

With beauty below and above them, in the beauty about them they walk.

It is finished in beauty.

Amen

Blessing of the Marriage

Let us pray.

Faithful Lord, we thank you for the love and joy Karen and Roy have found in each other.

Pour down your grace that they may fulfil the vows they have made this day and reflect your steadfast love in their faithfulness to each other.

May they continue to grow in wisdom, understanding, patience, respect, affection, and love toward you, toward each other, and toward the world.

Use us to support them in their promises and life together. Grant that all married persons witnessing these vows may find their lives strengthened and their loyalties confirmed.

Enrich all families making them a sign of the fulfilment of your perfect kingdom, where, with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God through all ages of ages.

Amen.

Blessing of the Marriage

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.

Blessing of the Marriage

St. Theresa's Prayer:

May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are exactly
where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you..
May you be content knowing you are a child of God....
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise
and love.
It is there for each and every one of us.
Amen.

Blessing of the Marriage

Our Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing upon these two lives and the home they are
establishing today.

May the love they have for each other grow deeper and stronger because of their love for You.
Lord, You guided them to each other, now guide them in this new journey as husband and wife.
As they walk down this path, light their way so they may keep their eyes focused on Your will, their
hands holding fast to Your truth, their feet firmly planted in Your Word, and their hearts bound
together by Your love. This we pray in Your name. Amen.

Blessing of the Marriage

Dear Lord, we pray that You will bless this man and this woman as they begin their new journey
together.

In all the experiences of life, may they always stay close to You and to each other as they share
the joys and blessings, as well as the trials and heartaches.

Help them to honour and keep the promises made here today.

Remind them daily of Your great love for them so they, in turn, may reach out in love to others.
Give them such love and devotion that each may be to the other a strength in need, a comfort in
sorrow, a counsellor in difficulty, and a companion in joy.

Amen.

Blessing of the Marriage

May your marriage be blessed with faith for the future. May your hearts be filled with the happiness
of hope.

May your lives be enlightened with an everlasting love.

May God grant you a new beginning as He opens the door to life's deepest and richest
experiences.

May the life you build together be a lasting testimony that a second chance is for those who never
give up believing in the power of faith, hope, and love.

Blessing of the Marriage

May God bless this marriage and family as they create a new home together.

A family is a circle of strength and love.

With every birth and every union, the circle grows.

May every joy shared add love to the circle, and may every crisis faced together make the circle
even stronger.

May this family become like a beautiful rainbow as each colour of their lives is carefully blended
together with both the showers and the sunshine of God's love.

Blessing of the Marriage

Dearest God, I ask that you bless and sanctify this union of these souls, BRIDE and GROOM. As they live in Your love, awake and asleep, at work and at play, and as they seek Your wisdom and understanding, let them find all of those secret joys You have especially for them. Amen.

A Couple's Wedding Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for this beautiful day. You have fulfilled the desire of our hearts to be together in this life. We pray that your blessing will always rest upon our home; that joy, peace and contentment would dwell within us as we live together in unity, and that all who enter our home may experience the strength of your love.

Father, help us to follow and serve you with an ever growing commitment because of our union. Guide us into greater love and sacrifice as we care for each other's needs, knowing you will care for us. May we always be as keenly aware of your presence as we sense it today on our wedding day. And may our devotion in marriage be a radiant reflection of your love for us.

In the name of Jesus, our Saviour, we pray.

Amen.

Wedding Day Prayer

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to make the way of the cross to be the way of life. We thank you, also, for consecrating the union of man and woman in his Name.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this man and this woman.

Defend them from every enemy.

Lead them into all peace.

Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads.

Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death.

Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Book of Common Prayer (1979)

Wedding Prayer for Marriage

Hand in hand, we come before you, O Lord.

Hand in hand, we are stepping out in faith.

We, who are gathered here, ask that you would take this couple into your hands. Help them, O Lord, to keep firm in the commitments they have just made.

Guide them, O God, as they become a family, as they each change through the years. May they be flexible as they are faithful.

And Lord, help us all to be your hands if there be need. Strengthen, tenderly all of our commitments, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Opening Prayers and Blessings

Let us pray. God, we ask for your blessings upon this man and woman (couple), as we celebrate this momentous occasion in their lives.

Grant them happiness and contentment as they establish their new home, create a new family and explore the depths of their love for one another and for you.

Bless their families and friends and the relationships, which have supported, strengthened and sustained them throughout their lives.

Bless their home as a place of love and of peace.
And if times grow hard and tempers grow short, help them to look into their hearts and remember
the love that brought them here today
Amen.

God, as you join us today, we ask for your blessings upon this couple as they unite in marriage.
Let all their days together be happy and all their words to each other be sweet.
Though their paths are intertwined, let them be aware of each other's separateness. Bless their
home and allow it to be a place of joy and serenity.
Remind them to nurture each other's body with mutual love, honour and respect. Let their spirits
dwell within.
As they learn from one another, may they grow stronger as individuals and closer as a couple.
And as their wedded life begins today with prayer, so may they continue it, praying for and with
each other.
Amen.

In acknowledgment of this holy purpose, and of the power of this occasion, let us pray.
Dear God, One who gives us the longing for love and the capability of loving, we give thanks to
You for BRIDE and GROOM, for their open hearts and willing spirits, and for the love that they
embody here in our presence.
Be with them on this joyous occasion as two become one, and be with us, their witnesses, as we
rejoice in what is said and witnessed here.

To open the ceremony we will begin with an invocation in the form of an ancient prayer or mantra.
The meaning of "mantra" is "*that which protects*." This mantra asks for protection, good fortune,
strength, wisdom, and peace. Mantras begin with "OM", which is not a word or a name; it is the
vibration of love heard from within the heart when the mind is at peace, the vibration of love from
which creation emerged.

BRIDE and GROOM, take hold of your hands and look into each other's eyes, and repeat after me:
Om
May we be protected together
May we enjoy the fruits of our actions together.
May we achieve strength together.
May our knowledge be full of light
May there never be discord between us
Om shantih, shantih, shantihi
Om. Peace, peace, peace.

Let us Pray: Dear God, thank you for this joyous day.
Thank you for Your Light that has entered Bride and Groom's life.
Thank you for all the miracles and blessings.
Please bless this union.
Help Bride and Groom find the perfect place in this world for their love to flourish.
Let the radiant light of their love shine on all those around them.
May all their future creations be blessed.
God, bless them with the inner gifts of trust, compassion, forgiveness and truth that they may live
and grow together in love and peace.
Amen.

Father of mankind, whose nature is love, look with favour upon this woman and this man who
desire to make their vows before you.
We are grateful for the providence that has led to this union.
Grant this to be more than an outward union, but also the blending of hearts and spirits and
purposes.

Bless each with the inward qualities of integrity, trust, cooperation and forgiveness, that they may live together in love and peace.
Amen.

Adapted from Illuminata by Marianne Williamson

Dear God, Please make of this relationship a great and holy adventure.

May their joining be a sacred space. May the two of them find rest here, a haven for their souls.

Remove from them any temptation to judge themselves or each other or to direct each other.

May they surrender to You their conflicts and their burdens.

We know You are their Answer and their rock.

Help them not forget.

Bring them together in heart and mind as well as body and guide them in the ways of holiness.

May this relationship be a burst of light.

May it be a fount of love and wisdom for them, for their family, for their community, and for their world.

May this bond be a channel for Your love and healing, a vehicle of Your grace and power.

As lessons come and challenges grow, let them not be tempted to forsake each other.

Let them always remember that in each other they have the most beautiful woman, the most beautiful man, the strongest one, the sacred one in whose arms we are repaired.

May they remain young in this relationship.

May they grow wise in this relationship.

Bring them what You desire for them.

And show them how you would have them be.

Thank You, dear God.

The Lords' Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallow be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.)

Amen

Gracious God, spirit of life and love, we ask all blessings upon Groom and Bride in their life together.

May they be blessed with patience, to see them through times of tensions or conflict.

May they be blessed with kindness, to enable them to nurture and care for one another in times of pain or sorrow.

May they be blessed with a spirit of play and joyfulness, that they may participate fully in the beauties and pleasures of creation.

May they be blessed, finally, with a knowledge of the ever-flowing presence of love in the world, that they may be channels of this love to one another and to all whom they meet in their life's journey.

Amen.

Blessed are the man and the woman who have grown beyond themselves and have seen through their separations.

They delight in the way things are and keep their hearts open, day and night.

They are like trees planted near flowing rivers, which bear fruit when they are ready.

Their leaves will not fall or wither.

Everything they do will succeed.

Blessed is one who comes in the name of Love.

Marriage is a gift from God, a miracle.

After speaking to you both, it is obvious that you already know some of the great blessings marriage has to offer.

It is an opportunity to feel the joy of taking care of someone who takes care of you, to be challenged towards growth yet gently nurtured, to love deeply and receive it in return.

It is about trust, friendship and having a partner to share all life has to offer.

It is a commitment to participate in a process of mutual evolution, understanding and forgiveness.

It is indeed a sacred union to be treated with reverence.

Marriage is not a place to hide from the world.

It is a safe place to grow and become wiser.

It is a place to evolve into better people; so that you can go out in the world and make a difference by spreading the joy and wisdom that you have found with each other.

Together in this marriage, you shall contribute more fully, for you both shall be more full.

Bride, Groom is a gift to you from God, but he is not a gift for you alone.

It is God's will that in your love, this man might find within himself a greater sense of who he is meant to be.

You are asked to see the good in this man, to accept him for who he is and who he shall be.

In this way, God's purpose shall be accomplished in this relationship.

May this man find the kingdom of heaven through the love you share.

And so it is with you also Groom, that although Bride is God's gift to you, she is not a gift intended for you alone.

You are asked by God to so love this woman, that in your love she might find herself as God has created her, so beautiful and strong and brave and true, that the entire world might be blessed by the presence of a woman who shines so.

May she relax in your arms as she has never relaxed before. May she know, from now on, that there is one on whose love she can depend on forever.

Marriage is the beginning of a new life, a chance at fulfilling long-held dreams, and an opportunity for great personal and spiritual growth.

Marriage endures through the ages of trends and fads. Marriage thrives, and continues to live as a promise of a beautiful dream come true.

As long as individuals are drawn together by God, marriage will be a natural unfolding of that relationship.

Feelings come alive at a wedding.

Great happiness. Some sadness.

Apprehension.

And sometimes pure relief!.

There is an acute awareness that something special, something that goes to the very heart of life, is about to happen.

Something is gone forever, and something is born, brand-new and tender.

Something to be nurtured and cared for, protected and cherished, challenged and strengthened—your never-before-created marriage.

Each of you brings gifts to the other today.

Gifts of hope and laughter, focus and seriousness of purpose.

Sensitivity and recognition of the beautiful and the profound.

Since childhood, you have searched for and dreamed about that special someone who would embody and express the gifts you now stand ready to give and to receive.

But these gifts are not to be yours alone.

A strong and resilient marriage is not an escape from the world but a contribution to it.

Bride and Groom, may you now combine and strengthen your gifts, to be offered as a distinct and beautiful gift to the world.

For the world is in need of the beautiful, the good and the holy and nothing is better suited to evoke that than a good marriage.

And now you stand before this loving community of family and friends, ready to acknowledge to God and to the world: this is my beloved, the one with whom I choose to create the rest of my life.

May you both create, with God, a piece of heaven on earth.

Marriage is a supreme sharing, perhaps the greatest and most challenging adventure in the most intimate of human relationships.

It is the joyful uniting of a man and a woman whose care and affection and understanding have flowered into a deep and abiding love.

Those who take its sacred vows have their lives blended together into one, as the waters of two rivers are joined when they come together to form an even greater one.

A true spiritual marriage is an act of metamorphosis, a profound mystery of creation and rebirth, as two become one.

It is not a giving up or loss of oneself, but rather a giving over of oneself to something greater-a transformation of self in which each one can say, "I am no longer only I but also we."

It is a process in which each can be challenged to discover new possibilities in themselves and each other.

In such a marriage, the wedding ceremony is the gateway into this mystery.

For the lives the two of you have lived up until this moment are, in some sense, now truly completed and over.

Together you now live within the creation of something wholly new and transcendent, something which has never existed before-your miraculous marriage-an expression that is at once public and private, precious, sacred, and truly unique to the two of you.

In this act, you open yourselves to a fuller experience and expression of the great, vast miracle of love.

No ceremony can create your marriage.

Only you can do that-through love, patience, dedication, perseverance-through talking and listening and trying to understand-through helping and supporting and believing in each other-through learning to forgive, learning to respect and appreciate your differences, and learning to make the important things matter and to let go of the rest.

What this ceremony can do is to witness and affirm the choice you have made to begin a new life today as husband and wife.

Divine Spirit (Father, Lord), we know Your presence is with all of us here this special day of BRIDE and GROOM's wedding and we give thanks.

We ask Your blessing and love be with us during this ceremony and to especially fill the hearts of BRIDE and GROOM as they pledge their love to one another.

May the wisdom and spirit of all-giving and all-understanding Love pervade all the words spoken and all the love given here today, that these vows offered will remain strong and true and abiding in the presence of love all the days of their lives.

May all of us present feel the strength and depth of BRIDE and GROOM's love and experience a rebirth of the power of love in our own lives.

We ask these things in the Name of the Divine Spirit and give thanks that it is so.

Excerpt from Greek prayer to Ayron and Hopi Hymn

I invoke Thee, Who art the greatest of all, Who created all, Who generated it from thyself, Who sees all and is never seen.

We ask Your blessing for BRIDE and GROOM's tonight as they enter into this cherished covenant.

We ask You to bless this community of friends and family who pledge their love and support of BRIDE and GROOM's marriage.

Infinite One, fly ahead of them

Open the way

Prepare the path

Spirit of the sun

Mother of the light

Come to them!

Amen.

Faithful God, we dare to invoke Your name in this glad moment, because we know you are the Creator of humanity in your image and in all our diversity.
You are the Author of love, the Source of passion, the Model of commitment.
You stand with us, through all of life's experiences, worries, defeats, and victories.
So we pray for your presence now, confident that divine blessing comes to rest wherever hearts are woven together with fidelity and live.
Bless this hour for BRIDE and GROOM, and let Your peace uphold all who love them and who witness this sacred moment.
Amen.

Apache Blessing

Now you will feel no rain, for each of you will be a shelter for the other.
Now you will feel no cold, for each of you will be warmth to the other.
Now there will be no loneliness, for each of you will be a companion to the other.
Now you are two persons, but there is only one life before you.
Go now to your dwelling place to enter the days of your togetherness.
May beauty surround you both in the journey ahead and through all the years.
May happiness be your companion, and may your days together be good and long upon the earth.

May God bless you [May you be blessed] with Hope enough to keep sunshine in your love, and Fear enough to keep you holding hands in the dark;
May God bless you with Unity enough to keep your roots entwined, and Separation enough to keep you reaching for each other;
May God bless you with Harmony enough to keep romance in your song, and Discord enough to keep you tuning your love so it becomes sweet music to all who may hear it.

Oh Lord, our hearts are filled with joy on this wedding day, as GROOM and BRIDE come before You pledging their hearts and lives to one another.
Grant that they may ever be true and loving, living together in such a way as to never bring shame or heartbreak into their marriage.
Temper their hearts with kindness and understanding.
Rid them of all pretence and jealousy.
Help them to remember to be each other's sweetheart, helpmate, best friend, and guide, so together they may meet the cares and problems of life more bravely.
May the home they are creating today truly be a place of love, peace, and harmony, where Your Spirit is always present.
Bless this marriage we pray, and walk beside BRIDE and GROOM throughout their lives together.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Cherokee Prayer

God in heaven above, please protect the ones we love.
We honour all You created as they pledge their hearts and lives together.
We honour mother-earth and ask for their marriage to be abundant and grow stronger through the seasons.
We honour fire and ask that our their union be warm and glowing with love in their hearts.
We honour wind and ask that their sail through life safe and calm as in their Father's arms.
We honour water to clean and soothe their relationship that it may never thirst for love.
With all the forces of the universe You created, we pray for harmony and true happiness as their forever grow young together.
Amen.

Community Blessing

Ladies & Gentlemen, BRIDE and GROOM have demonstrated in your presence today, their belief in their love, and their desire to live together in marriage. If you also believe in their love and you wish to add your blessing to their marriage today, please respond now by saying, "we do."
"We do."

Every person present here represents an opportunity for love and support of this newly married couple. You each carry an obligation to be an advocate for their relationship.

Now that you have heard BRIDE and GROOM exchange their vows, do you, their family and friends, promise to encourage and support them in creating a strong and vital marriage?
"We do."

The union of BRIDE and GROOM has joined us together because we are each reflected in it. A new family has been created in our community, and we have come here today to welcome them and celebrate their new relationship.

Do you, who are the family and friends of this couple, affirm your continuing support of and love for BRIDE and GROOM as they stand poised on the threshold of their new life together?
"We do."