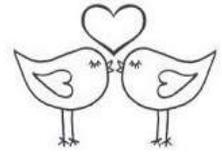


Officiant Blessing Options



Blessing 1

_____ and _____, I wish you a long life, happiness and prosperity. May the vows that you made to each other today sustain you forever.

Blessing 2

As you enter upon your marriage, let your relationship be one of truth and understanding between you both; respect the confidences of your partner in this marriage, and consider that as the world gives nothing freely, neither will your marriage yield you more than you give into it. May you enjoy length of days, fulfilment of hope and peace and contentment of mind as day by day you fulfill the terms of this commitment you have made with one another.

Blessing 3

Today you have pledged yourselves to a lifetime of faithfulness and caring for one another. May this be a commitment made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope and eternally renewed. As you stand before us, it is our hope that you will go through life loving, trusting, and caring for one another, completely and forever.

Blessing 4

An Ancient First Nations Blessing (Apache Wedding Prayer)

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 are three lives before you: his life, her life and your life together.

Go now to your dwelling place to enter into your days together.

And may all your days be good and long upon the Earth.

Blessing 5

Another version of the Indian (Apache) Blessing

Now we feel no rain, for each of us will be shelter to the other.

Now we feel no cold, for each of us will be warmth to the other.

Now there is no loneliness, for each of us will be a companion to the other.

We are two bodies, but there is one life before us and one home.

When evening falls, I'll look up and there you will be. I'll take your hand; you'll take mine and we'll turn together to look at the road we traveled to reach this - the hour of our happiness.

It stretches behind us, even as the future lies ahead.

A long and winding road, whose every turn means discovery.

Old hopes, new laughter, shared fears.

The adventure has just begun.

Blessing 6

Ojibwa Wedding Prayer

Spouse 1: Today we give thanks for our many blessings

Spouse 2: We give thanks for the sky above and the earth below

Spouse 1: We give thanks for the rising of the sun and the moon

Spouse 2: We give thanks for the beauty of our surroundings

Spouse 1: We give thanks for our parents who brought us into this world and taught us about life

Spouse 2: We give thanks for our brothers and sisters who shared our childhood with us

Spouse 1: We give thanks for our friends who have journeyed along life's path with us

Spouse 2: We give thanks for the laughter of the children

Together: And we give thanks for the love in our hearts

Blessing 7

Untitled

By: Author Unknown

Treat yourselves 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, difficulty 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 which 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 takes responsibility for the quality of your life together, it will be marked by abundance and delight.

Blessing 8

The Elements of Love

By: Author Unknown

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

Blessing 9

An Irish Blessing

May green be the grass you walk on
May blue be the skies above you
May pure be the joys that surround you
May true be the hearts that love you

Blessing 10

Another Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your home, The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And the light of friendship guide your paths together,
And until we meet again, May you see your children's children.
May you be poor in misfortune, Rich in blessings.
May you know nothing but happiness from this day forward.
May green be the grass you walk on.
May blue be the skies above you,
May pure be the joys that surround you,
May true be the hearts that love you.
And when eternity beckons, at the end of a life heaped high with love,
May you know the hand of a friend was always near.
And, today, may the Spirit of Love find a dwelling place in your hearts.

Blessing 11

Blessing for a Marriage

By: James Dillet Freeman

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 out 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.

Blessing 12

From "Union"

By: Robert Fulghum

You have known each other from the first glance of acquaintance to this point of commitment.

At some point, you decided to marry.

From that moment of yes to this moment of yes, indeed, you have been making promises and agreements in an informal way.

All those conversations that were held riding in a car or over a meal or during long walks – all those sentences that began with "When we're married" and continued with "I will and you will and we will"- those late night talks that included "someday" and "somehow" and "maybe"- and all those promises that are unspoken matters of the heart.

All these common things, and more, are the real process of a wedding.

The symbolic vows that you are about to make are a way of saying to one another, " You know all those things we've promised and hoped and dreamed- well, I meant it all, every word."

Look at one another and remember this moment in time.

Before this moment you have been many things to one another- acquaintance, friend, companion, lover, dancing partner, and even teacher, for you have learned much from one another in these last few years.

Now you shall say a few words that take you across a threshold of life, and things will never quite be the same between you.

For after these vows, you shall say to the world, this- is my husband, this- is my wife "

Blessing 13

Poem by Susan Schutz

Together in marriage you will bring out the best in each other.
You will learn from each other and grow from your differences.
You will be two individuals living your own lives with each other as one.
Together in marriage you will be stronger, more sensitive,
More aware, more knowing and more at peace
Than you are individually.
You will be better people.
Together in marriage your love will give understanding
To all that you do because you will share your ideas,
Goals, and frustrations.
And you will always have someone to support whatever you say and do.
Together in marriage
You will be able to achieve all that you want in life.

Blessing 14

What is Love?

By: Author Unknown

Sooner or later we begin to understand that love is more than verses on valentines and romance in the movies.

We begin to know that love is here and now, real and true, the most important thing in our lives.

For love is the creator of our favourite memories and the foundation of our fondest dreams.

Love is a promise that is always kept, a fortune that can never be spent, a seed that can flourish in even the most unlikely of places.

And this radiance that never fades, this mysterious and magical joy, is the greatest treasure of all – one known only by those who love.