

Opening/Closing Prayers

Let us pray.

Dear God, We have come before you today to give thanks for the love you have shared with _____ and _____. We ask that you help them 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 to be able to forgive. God, we put this marriage into your hands. Amen

A Wedding Prayer: Grateful

Let us be grateful for the capacity to see, feel, hear, and understand.

Let us be grateful for this incredible gift of life.

Let us be especially grateful for the ties of love which bind us together, giving dignity, meaning, worth and joy to all our days. This is indeed a day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice in it and be glad, and let us count our many blessings.

“Love, Joy, Understanding, Friendship, Courage... “

_____ and _____, in joining your lives may God grant you both...

Love... to afford each other a special quality of time together.

Joy...in the accomplishments of one another.

Understanding...that your interests and desires will not always be the same.

Friendship...based on mutual trust.

Courage...to speak of a misunderstanding and to work on a solution before the setting of the sun.

Compassion...to comfort each other in pain and sorrow.

Foresight...to realize rainbows follow rainy days.

and Awareness...to live each day with the knowledge that there is no promise of tomorrow.

May God bless you and keep you in the Palm of His hand.

Amen.

Dear God,

Love has been your richest and greatest gift to the world. Love between two people which matures into marriage is one of the most beautiful types of love. Today we celebrate that love. We ask you to bless this wedding ceremony; to protect and guide _____ and _____ in their marriage. And whatever changes time may bring, let today's wedding ceremony always remain as a treasured memory and a guide to life for _____ and _____.

Amen.

Let us pray:

God, grant that the love which unites _____ and _____ may grow in abiding happiness.

May there be peace in their home, quietness and confidence in their hearts. May they be sustained by finding their place in the midst of all people, and by the hope of peace and justice for all.

Amen.

Dear God,

We thank you for this beautiful day.

You have fulfilled the desire of _____ and _____'s hearts to be together in this life. We pray that your blessing will always rest upon their home; that joy, peace and contentment will dwell within them as they live together in unity, and that all who enter their home will always find there a friend.

Guide them into greater love and sacrifice as they care for each other's needs, knowing you will care for them. And may their devotion in marriage be a radiant reflection of your love for us all.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We thank God for the love which has brought _____ and _____ together, and ask him always to guide their ways.

Father, hear our prayers, for _____ and _____ who will now be united in marriage.

Give them your blessing and strengthen their love for each other.

We ask you this through our Lord [Optional to include: Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever].

Amen.

Let us Pray.

Dear God, thank you for this joyous day. Thank you for Your Light that has entered our life.

Thank you for all the miracles and blessings. Please bless this union.

Help _____ and _____ 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.

Let us Pray.

We thank God for the love which has been implanted in _____ and _____ hearts.

May it always inspire them to be kind in their words, considerate of feelings, and concerned for each other's needs and wishes. Help _____ and _____ to be understanding and forgiving of human weaknesses and failings. Bless their marriage, O God, with peace and happiness, and make their love fruitful and joyful both here and in eternity.

Amen.

Let us Pray.

God of Love, who gives us the longing for, and capability of loving, we give you thanks for _____ and _____, for their open hearts and willing spirits, and for the example of love that they embody here in our presence. Be with them on this joyous occasion of showing their love and making their vows; and be with us, their witnesses, that we may all be changed by what is said and witnessed here.

Amen.

Let us pray:

God, we ask that you may deepen the lives of _____ and _____. May their relationship continue to grow in the years to come. And whatever changes time may bring, let today's wedding ceremony remain as a treasured memory and a guide to life. When life is done and the sun is setting, may _____ and _____ be found then as now, still hand in hand, still thanking you for each other.

Amen.

Let us pray:

God, please bless this marriage as _____ and _____ begin their journey down the road of life together. May they respect each other's likes and dislikes, opinions and beliefs, hopes, dreams and fears, even though they may not always understand each other. Most of all, we ask that you keep love forever in their hearts.

Amen.

Lord, behold our family gathered here.

We thank you for this place in which we've joined together,

for the love that unites us,

for the peace accorded us this day,

for the hope with which we expect tomorrow,

for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies that make our lives delightful;

for _____ and _____ and for all our friends and family in all parts of the world.

Amen.