

To celebrate marriage

Opening words for a Wedding ceremony

We have come together today to witness the marriage of ... N ... to ... N ... ,
to celebrate their happiness and to assure them of our love and support.

In marriage, we bless God
who gave us our humanity,
who created us,
in felicity and joy.

Blessed be God
who brings us together
that our desires
may find ripe fulfilment;

Blessed be God
who makes us one
that in our mutual love
we may cherish one another.

In marriage,
we bless God
for his faithfulness
and celebrate God's constancy
in free commitment to a shared life
and mutual exchange of promises;

In marriage,
we bless God
for his gift of grace in Jesus Christ,
that in our frail consistency,
relations are refashioned
by his self-giving love;

In marriage,
we bless God
who gives us a future and a hope;
[who gives us children,]
sets us in community
and calls us in society
to new beginnings.

Blessed be God for the precious gift of love.

Fleur Houston

A blessing for a Wedding

Blessed are you, God our Maker;
You create joy and gladness,
pleasure and delight;
you make this couple
companions in love.

Bestow your blessing on ... N ... and ... N ... ,
that they may know your presence with them
in times of joy and in times of sadness.
May their home be filled
with laughter and tenderness.
May they be tender with one another's dreams
and remain faithful and true to one another
for the rest of their lives.

So may this marriage be a sign of blessing
in the world around.

Fleur Houton

At a Wedding

You are trusted forever with the intimacies of one another.

You won't hold grudges.
You will love the other even when unlikeable.
You will see the small child within.
You will look for the divine potential inside.

How sacred, to be held in the night,
by someone who thanks God for you,
by someone you feel blessed to hold.

Your marriage is an opportunity,
to grow in love and friendship,
to entrust all your faith and loyalties,
and with this understanding you shall flourish,
together,
forever.

Donna Lee

A blessing at a Wedding

Let the promises of today make you strong
Let the joy of today fill your lives
Let the hope of today give you courage
Let the memory of today live in your hearts.
Go hand in hand into the world, staying true to your dreams,
with love overflowing
And the blessing of Father, Son and Spirit is with you always.

Melanie Frew

A blessing for a marriage

Living God, Creator of Humankind,
Bless ... N ... and ... N ... as they go on their way together
in love and unity of purpose.

Loving Christ, Creator of Compassion,
Bless ... N ... and ... N ... as they develop their skills
to that their love will bring wholeness to people.

Refreshing, Resilient Spirit, Creator of Vitality,
Bless and encourage them to engage in lively activity
and to seek justice throughout their lives,
to turn disappointments into challenges,
to transform darkness into light,
to root their ideals in the ground that they walk.
Go in Grace
with Confidence
and know Peace.

All **Amen.**

Geoffrey Duncan