

# Wedding Benedictions and Blessings

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B1 - Closing prayer (0:55)

Gracious God, our hearts are filled with great happiness on this wedding day of **[Groom]** and **[Bride]**. They come before you, pledging their lives and their hearts to one another.

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

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

May their home indeed 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. Amen.

B2 - Short blessing:

Lord, bless this beautiful couple with Love and hope we pray.

Keep alive forever more the vows they've pledged today.

May you bless their dreams and visions,

And keep them always safe.

May peace and joy be with them now

On this their wedding day.

B3 - Benediction:

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve, and keep you;

The Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you,  
and fill you with all spiritual benediction and  
grace;

That you may faithfully live together in this life,  
and in the age to come have life everlasting.

Amen.

B4 - Episcopal wedding prayer:

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life,  
author of salvation, and giver of all grace:

Look with favor upon the world you have made,  
and for which your Son gave his life,

and especially upon this man and this woman  
whom you make one flesh in Holy Matrimony.

Amen.

Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy.

Amen.

B5 - Celtic blessing 1:

May there always be work for your hands to do.

May your purse always hold a coin or two.

May the sun always shine upon your windowpane.

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

May the hand of a friend always be near to you  
and

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer  
you.

B6 - Celtic blessing 2:

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields

and until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

B7 - Celtic blessing 3:

Happy is the bride that rain falls on  
May your mornings bring joy and your evenings  
bring peace.

May your troubles grow few as your blessings  
increase.

May the saddest day of your future be no worse  
than the happiest day of your past.

May your hands be forever clasped in friendship  
and your hearts joined forever in Love.

Your lives are very special, God has touched you  
in many ways.

May his blessings rest upon you and fill all your  
coming days.

We swear by peace and Love to stand, heart to  
heart and hand to hand.

Hark, O Spirit, and hear us now, confirming this  
our Sacred Vow.

B8 - Scottish blessing 1:

A thousand welcomes to you with your marriage kerchief, may you be healthy all your days.

May you be blessed with long life and peace, may you grow old with goodness, and with riches.

B9 - Scottish blessing 2:

May the blessing of light be on you, light without and light within.

May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire, so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it.

And may light shine out of the two eyes of you, like a candle set in the window of a house, bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.

And may the blessing of the rain be on you, may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean, and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines, and sometimes a star.

And may the blessing of the earth be on you, soft under your feet as you pass along the roads, soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day; and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it.

May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly; up and off and on its way to God. And now may the Lord bless you and bless you kindly.

B10 - Bless this union wedding prayer:

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.**

B11 - Nature of love wedding prayer:

Father of humankind, whose nature is Love, look with favor upon this woman and this man who make their vows before you.

We are grateful for the providence that has led to this union.

Allow this to be more than an outward union. Infuse it with 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.

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B12 - Blessed wedding prayer:

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.

B13 - Greek wedding prayer:

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

We ask Your blessing for **[Bride]** and **[Groom]** today as they enter 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.

B14 – “Apache” Blessing from the movie, “Broken Arrow”:

Originally penned by Elliot Arnold for his 1947 novel, *Blood Brother*, this poem was later featured in the 1950 Jimmy Stewart Western *Broken Arrow*. Now known as *The Apache Wedding Blessing*, Arnold’s words capture the thoughtful intent in marriage.

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.

B15 - Cherokee wedding prayer:

God in heaven above, please protect the ones we love.

We honor all You created as they pledge their hearts and lives together.

We honor mother-earth and ask for their marriage to be abundant and grow stronger through the seasons.

We honor fire and ask that their union be warm and glowing with Love in their hearts.

We honor wind and ask that their sail through life safe and calm as in their Father's arms.

We honor 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.

B16 - Family wedding prayer:

Lord, behold our family here assembled.

We thank you for this place in which we dwell, for the Love that unites us, for the peace accorded us this day, for the hope with which we expect the morrow, for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies that make our lives delightful;

for our friends in all parts of the earth.

Amen

[B17 - Hebrew wedding prayer:](#)

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has created joy and gladness, bridegroom and bride, mirth and exultation, pleasure and delight, Love and brotherhood, peace and friendship.

May there soon be heard in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of joy and gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the jubilant voice of bridegrooms from the wedding canopy, and of youths from their feasts of song.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who gives the Bridegroom joy in his bride.

B18 - Muslim wedding Dua (for the couple):

Oh Allah, bless our marriage and let it be a means for us to become closer to You in Love and devotion. Let it be a source of untold blessings, happiness, and joy.

Oh Allah, let our marriage be a way for us and our families to enter Jannah.

Oh Allah, protect our marriage from the whisperings of Shaytan. Give us the strength to live together in justice, equity, Love and mercy.

My Lord let this marriage bring untold blessings to us individually, to our families, and our children Insha Allah.

My Creator bless us with children who will be a source of great joy and happiness.

Oh Allah, give us the Love which you had blessed Muhammad, Allah's Peace and blessings be upon him, and Khadija with, May Allah be pleased with her.

B19 - Muslim wedding Dua (for the guests):

Oh Allah, bless this couple with faith, Love, and happiness in this world and the Next.

O Allah, You are the Loving (Al Wadud) and the Merciful (Al Rehman). Please put Love and mercy in the hearts of this couple for each other.

Our Creator strengthen the hearts of the bride and groom with faith and let them increase in their Love and commitment to You through their bond.

Oh Lord of the Universe, all power is with You. Let this couple's marriage become a beautiful example to other couples.

My God protect this couple from the misguidance and planning of Shaytan. Help them resist his call to break their bond.

Oh Allah, bless this couple with children who will be a source of happiness and joy to them and the world.

Oh Allah, unite the couple and their families in faith and Love.

Oh Lord, You are the Just. Let this couple live their lives being fair and just to each other.

Oh Forgiver (Ghafoor), bless this couple with the strength to forgive each other's shortcomings.

Oh Allah, give them the loving relationship which Muhammad and Aisha had. May Allah be pleased with them.

B20 - Buddhist wedding prayer:

Today we promise to dedicate ourselves completely to each other, with body, speech, and mind.

In this life, in every situation, in wealth or poverty, in health or sickness, in happiness or difficulty, we will work to help each other perfectly.

The purpose of our relationship will be to attain enlightenment by perfecting our kindness and compassion toward all sentient beings.

B21 - A Blessing for The Journey (Buddhist wedding prayer):

Let us vow to bear witness to the wholeness of life, realizing the completeness of each and every thing.

Embracing our differences, I shall know myself as you, and you as myself.

May we serve each other for all our days, here, there, and everywhere.

Let us vow to open ourselves to the abundance of life.

Freely giving and receiving, I shall care for you, for the trees and stars, as treasures of my very own.

May we be grateful for all our days, here, there, and everywhere.

Let us vow to forgive all hurt, caused by ourselves and others, and to never condone hurtful ways.

Being responsible for my actions, I shall free myself and you.

Will you free me, too?

May we be kind for all our days, here, there, and everywhere.

Let us vow to remember that all that appears will disappear.

Amid uncertainty, I shall sow Love.

Here! Now! I call to you:

Let us together live

The Great Peace that we are.



May we give no fear for all our days, here, there,  
and everywhere.

B22 - Hindu wedding prayer:

To the Holy Son of Shiva and Parvati,  
To the remover of all obstacles, Lord Ganesha,  
We Petition for Blessings,  
To sanctify this ceremony of marriage,  
And to bless this marriage in all ways.  
Lord Ganesha.

You are the speaker.

You are the listener.

You are the giver.

You are the sustainer.

Please protect us from all directions.

Let us listen with our ears to that which is  
auspicious, adorable one.

Let us perceive with our eyes what is holy.

With strong, stable body and limbs, may we seek divine grace and accept the noble order of all our lives.

O Lord Ganesh, please provide for the welfare of this family.

Guide prosperity and abundance to their door.

Please help them feel your goodness and Divinity within their home.

We place any challenges of married life at your feet

And trust you will always help.

We thank you with all of our hearts.

[B23 - Wedding prayer from Al-Fatiha, the Holy Qur'an:](#)

In the Name of God, the infinitely Compassionate and Merciful.

Praise be to God, Sovereign of all the worlds.

The Compassionate, the Merciful. Ruler on the Day of Reckoning.

You alone do we worship, and You alone do we ask for help.

Guide us on the straight path, the path of those  
who have received your grace;

not the path of those who have brought down  
wrath, nor of those who wander astray.

Amen.