



Blessings, Prayers & Readings

Blessings

A Scottish Blessing

May life always bring you
Good friends and good health
A whole lot of laughter
And a wee bit of wealth
A wide road before ye
A bright sky above
And warm times together
With all those ye love.

An uncommon love

May you have the love,
only two can know
May you go where only,
two as one may go
May the sun rise and set,
in your bonded hearts
and the moon never find you,
too long apart
May you cherish each other's dreams
as your own and turn stumbling blocks
into stepping stones
May you brave life's mountains
and miles together
May there be no storm your love
cannot weather
May you always be lovers
and allies and friends
May your souls' conversations
never end
May you capture on Earth
what's in Heaven above
May your hearts know
the rapture of an uncommon love.

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
window pane.
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.

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.

Come what may

May you love even when the other is unlovely
May you multiply each other's joys and divide each other's sorrows.
May your home be a haven of peace, in the midst of the storms of life.
May you be patient and understanding, when the other needs it most.
May kindness be imprinted, on all your words and deeds.
May goodness and righteousness be your mark, even when it is unpopular.
May wisdom be a light unto your way and a lamp to guide your path.
May you delight in your beloved, and be forever captivated by the love of your youth.
May self-restraint and faithfulness be your guide in the midst of life's temptations.
May health and prosperity follow you wherever you may go.
May laughter and friends and family always fill your home.
May forgiveness and graciousness be freely given and humbly accepted.
May you live to see your children's children and may they rise up and call you blessed.
May you seek each other's guidance in all you do and all that you say.
And may you dwell in love and happiness as long as you both shall live.

Prayers

Opening prayer

Lord God Almighty,
Creator of the heavens and earth.
Thank you for the gift of marriage
For all the joy and love that it brings us.
We thank you for NAME and NAME
Thank you that you have brought them together for this special day,
And that you hold them safely in Your hands.
We pray that you would richly bless them as they exchange their vows and their wedding rings,
And from this day forward they would walk hand in hand into everything that you have destined them to be.
We give our hearts and beings to You now in adoration,
And welcome Your Holy Spirit amongst us.
Amen.

Closing prayer

Gracious God, our hearts are filled with great happiness on this the wedding day of NAME and NAME. 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 heartbreak 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.

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. Amen.

Short prayer

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.

Bless this union wedding prayer

Dear God, thank you for this joyous day.
Thank you for Your Light that has entered NAME and NAME's life.
Thank you for all the miracles and blessings.
Please bless this union.
Help NAME and NAME 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.

Nature of love wedding prayer

Father of mankind, whose nature is love, look with favor 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.

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.

1st Corinthians 13:4-7:

Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud.
Love is never haughty or selfish or rude.
Love does not demand its own way.
Love is not irritable or touchy. Love does not hold grudges and will hardly notice when others do it wrong.
Love is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone, you will be loyal to them no matter what the costs.
You will always believe in them, always expect the best in them, and will always stand your ground in defending them.

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

Readings

Love is..... (by Lisa Webb)

Love is phoning anytime,
and knowing you'll be there.
Love is crying without reason and
knowing that you'll care.

Love is sleeping soundly,
with dreams of you and me.
Love is waking eagerly,
with you I want to see.

Love is disagreeing,
but never falling out.
Love is thinking of you,
and what you think about.

Love is you seeing beauty,
when all I see is plain.
Love is saying goodbye
and needing you back again.

Love is breaking into a smile,
whenever I see your face.
Love is knowing no bounds,
to see you any time, any place.

Love is being together,
even though we are apart.
Love is when you're on my mind
and always in my heart.

Love is listening to you
or offering a hand to hold.
Love is shown by actions,
not always needing to be told.

Love is finding passion
in everything we do.
Love is needing no one else
and wanting only you.

An easy kind of love (by Lisa Webb)

They say that love isn't easy
But some would disagree.
Like these two people standing here,
Full of hope, wild and free.

To them, their love is easy
It's life that can be tough.
So to each other they will turn
When their day is rough.

Love lifts them up above their troubles
When they need a helping hand.
It carries them out of sadness safely,
And gives them a soft place to land.

Their love runs deep as an ocean
And soars as high as the sun.
They bask in the glow that surrounds
them,
Because they have found the one.

Today is just a beginning
A new chapter in their life.
They opened their hearts and made a
vow,
To cherish as husband and wife.

To them the choice was easy
To live, love and laugh together.
Love is easy when you feel complete,
The perfect way to spend forever.

Once in a Lifetime by Nanci Brilliant

Once in a lifetime
You find someone
Who touches not only your heart
But also your soul

You discover someone
Who stands beside you, but not over
you
You find someone
Who loves you for who you are
And not for who you could be.

Once in a lifetime
If you are lucky
You find someone
As you have found each other.

Together (Author Unknown)

Where the river meets the ocean
I will be there;
When the sun shines through the clouds
Let me dissolve the fear.

When the storms of life surround you
Over and over again;
When hurt and pain assail you
Simply call my name.

Let me be your comfort
In your hour of need
Know I walk beside you
And let that be your creed

Keep me in your heart
So together we'll always be.
Joined as one for ever more
From now to eternity.

A Good Wedding Cake (Author Unknown)

2 cups of love.
1 cup butter of youth.
1 cup of good looks.
½ cup of sweet temper.
¾ cup of blindness for faults.
¼ cup of self forgetfulness.
½ cup grams of pounded wit.
3 cups of good humour.
2 tablespoons of sweet argument.
1 cup of rippling laughter.
1 cup of common sense.
½ cup of modesty.

Put the love, good looks and sweet temper into a well furnished house.
Beat the butter of youth to a cream, and mix well together with the blindness of faults.
Stir the pounded wit and good humour into the sweet argument, then add the rippling laughter and common sense.
Work the whole together until everything is well mixed, and bake gently forever.

Believe in Marriage (Author unknown)

Marriage is...
Someone to believe in
And to put their trust in you,
Someone who appreciates
The special things you do,
Someone to be close to
In your heart and in your mind,
Someone who's the love
You might have thought you'd never find,
Someone who stands by you
And whose faith can make you strong,
Someone you will cherish
Every day your whole life long.

The happiness of being loved
The joy that sharing brings,
A marriage built on faith and trust in each other
And understanding, too.
And a life that's very full and rich
And good to both of you.

We Are Home by Ms Moem

Comfortable and inviting,
It's where I want to be.
It's where I go when I feel low
To help replenish me.
It's safe, and yet exciting,
The place I love the most.
It makes me want to never leave;
To always keep it close.
It holds so much potential,
My favourite place I've been.
It's warm and super cosy.
The place of all my dreams.
I love the way it feels
So familiar and secure.
It seems quite clear, what I have here
Some search a lifetime for.
And I can be myself here
Without pretence or fuss.
Some people call it home
But I simply call it us.

The Vow by Ruth Anne

When time is up and the sun it dies
Til the rivers flood and the ocean dries
Hand in hand under the falling sky
I will love you
When I'm old so old and I lose my mind
I'll still look at you like it's the first time
So many say it and it's all a lie
But I will love you

You are the reason I make it through
the day
You gimme the reason to better all my
ways
The beauty goes, the money spent
And everything else fades away
You are my constant

When we've walked the earth every
inch and mile
Laughed so hard until we cried
Through every triumph and every trial
I will love you

When time is up and the sun it dies
Til the rivers flood and the ocean dries.

Hand in hand under the falling sky
I will love you.

More by Lisa Webb

More smiles than frowns
More ups than downs
More laughs than tears
More trust than fears
More happy than sad
More good than bad
More joy than pain
More adventure than mundane
years gone by, and many more yet
What an amazing life we'll never forget.

The Art of Marriage by Wilferd Arlan Peterson

Happiness in marriage is not something
that just happens.

A good marriage must be created. In
marriage the little things are the big
things.

It is never being too old to hold hands.

It is remembering to say "I love you" at
least once a day.

It is never going to sleep angry.

It is at no time taking the other for
granted; the courtship should not end
with the honeymoon, it should continue
through the years.

It is having a mutual sense of values
and common objectives.

It is standing together facing the world.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers
the whole family.

It is doing things for each other, not in
the attitude of duty or sacrifice, but in
the spirit of joy.

It is speaking words of appreciation and
demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful
ways.

It is not looking for perfection in each
other.

It is cultivating flexibility, patience,
understanding and a sense of humour.

It is having the capacity to forgive and
forget.

It is giving each other an atmosphere in
which each can grow old.

It is a common search for the good and
the beautiful.

It is establishing a relationship in which
the independence is equal,
dependence is mutual and the
obligation is reciprocal.

It is not only marrying the right partner; it
is being the right partner.

The Magic of Love by Helen Steiner Rice

Love is like magic, and it always will be,
For love still remains life's sweet mystery.

Love works in ways that are wondrous
and strange,
And there's nothing in life that love
cannot change!

Love can transform the most
commonplace
Into beauty and splendor and
sweetness and grace.

Love is unselfish, understanding and
kind,
For it sees with its heart, and not with its
mind.

Love is the answer that everyone seeks;
Love is the language that every heart
speaks.

Love can't be bought, it is priceless and
free.
Love, like pure magic, is life's sweet
mystery!!