

# PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

- 1) Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. (*The Lord's Prayer*)



- 2) 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. (*Apache Blessing*)



- 3) May God bless you with Hope enough to keep sunshine in your love, and Fear enough to keep you holding hands in the dark; Unity enough to keep your roots entwined, and Separation enough to keep you reaching for each other; Harmony enough to keep romance in your song, and Discord enough to keep you tuning your love so it becomes sweet music to all who may hear it.



- 4) Oh Lord, our hearts are filled with joy on this wedding day, as (Groom) \_\_\_\_\_ and (Bride) \_\_\_\_\_ come before you pledging their hearts and lives to one another. Grant that they may ever be true and loving, living together in such a way as to never bring shame or heartbreak into their marriage. Temper their hearts with kindness and understanding. Rid them of all pretense and jealousy. Help them to remember to be each other's sweetheart, helpmate, best friend and guide, so together they may meet the cares and problems of life more bravely. May the home they are creating today truly be a place of love, peace and harmony, where Your Spirit is always present. Bless this marriage we pray, and walk beside (Groom) \_\_\_\_\_ and (Bride) \_\_\_\_\_ throughout their lives together. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

5) God in heaven above, please protect the ones we love. We honour all you created as we pledge our hearts and lives together. We honour mother-earth and ask for our marriage to be abundant and grow stronger through the seasons. We honour fire and ask that our union be warm and glowing with love in our hearts. We honour wind and ask that we sail through life safe and calm as in our Father's arms. We honour water to clean and soothe our 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 we forever grow young together. Amen. *(Cherokee Prayer)*



6) May all that you are, always be in love; may all that is love, always be in you. May your love be as beautiful on each day you share as it is on this day of celebration, and may each day you share be as precious to you as the day when you first fell in love. May you always see and encourage the best in each other. May the challenges life brings your way make your marriage even stronger...and may you always be each other's best friend and greatest love.



7) Our Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing upon these two lives and the home they are establishing today. May the love they have for each other grow deeper and stronger because of their love for You. Lord, You guided them to each other, now guide them in this new journey as husband and wife. As they walk down this path, light their way so they may keep their eyes focused on Your will, their hands holding fast to Your truth, their feet firmly planted in Your Word, and their hearts bound together by Your love. This we pray in Your name. Amen.



8) These two lives are now joined together as one. May these two rings symbolize the spirit of undying love in each of your hearts. Wherever you go, may you always return to one another in your togetherness. May you find in each other the kind of love everyone longs for. May you grow in understanding and compassion. May the home you establish be such a place of peace and joy that many will find there a friend.

- 9) Dear Lord, we pray that You will bless this man and this woman as they begin their new journey together. In all the experiences of life, may they always stay close to You and to each other as they share the joys and blessings as well as the trials and heartaches. Help them to honor and keep the promises made here today, and remind them daily of Your great love for them so they in turn may reach out in love to others. Give them such love and devotion that each may be to the other a strength in need, a comfort in sorrow, a counselor in difficulty, and a companion in joy. Amen.



- 10) May your marriage be blessed with faith for the future. May your hearts be filled with the happiness of hope. May your lives be enriched with an everlasting love. May this new beginning open the door to life's richest and deepest experiences. May you build a life together that will be a lasting testimony that a second chance at love is for all who are willing to put the past behind and move forward into the future with faith, hope and love. *(For second marriages)*



- 11) May God bless your marriage and family as you create a new home together. A family is a circle of strength and love. With every birth and every union the circle grows. May every joy shared add love to the circle and may every crisis faced together make the circle even stronger. May your family become like a beautiful rainbow as each color of your lives is carefully blended together with both the showers and the sunshine of God's love. *(For marriages that have children involved in the ceremony)*



- 12) May your joys be as sweet as spring flowers that grow;  
As bright as a fire when winter winds blow;  
As countless as leaves that float down in the fall;  
As serene as God's love that keeps watch over us all.  
*(Old English blessing)*