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'Blessing of the Hands'

This ceremony is quickly becoming a popular favorite of many couples. It is a very beautiful and quite moving addition to any service. Depending on which version you choose to use, the blessing can last from three to five minutes.

Blessing of the Hands #1

Please face each other and join hands.

These hands you are holding on your wedding day are the hands of your best friend who promises to love you all the days of your life.

These are the hands that will work alongside yours as, together, you build your future.

These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you throughout the years as you laugh together and cry together, and as you share your innermost secrets and dreams.

These are the hands that will comfort you when you are sick or console you when you are grieving.

These are the hands that will give you support as you chase down your dreams.

These are the hands that will work together so that everything you wish for can be realized.

Together, everything you wish for can be realized.

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Blessing of the Hands #2

Part 1:

<Bride>, please turn to face <Groom>, and hold his hands, palms up in yours, so you may see the gift that they are to you.

(Bride and Groom should now be facing each other, his upturned hands resting in hers.)

These are the hands, young and strong and vibrant with love, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as he promises to love you all the days of his life.

These are the hands you will place with expectant joy against your stomach, until he too, feels his child stir within your womb.

These are the hands that look so large and clumsy, yet will be so gentle as he holds your baby for the first time.

These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, for a lifetime of happiness.

These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes: tears of sorrow and tears of joy.

These are the hands that will comfort you in illness, and hold you when fear or grief racks your mind.

These are the hands that will tenderly lift your chin and brush your cheek as they raise your face to look into his eyes: eyes that are filled completely with his love and desire for you.

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Part 2:

<Groom>, please hold <Bride>'s hands, palms up in yours, where you may see the gift that they are to you.

(Bride should now place her upturned hands in the Groom's hands.)

These are the hands that are smooth, young, and carefree, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as she pledges her love and commitment to you all the days of her life.

These are the hands that will hold each child in tender love, soothing them through illness and hurts, supporting and encouraging them along the way, and knowing when it's time to let go.

These are the hands that will massage tension from your neck and back in the evenings, after you've both had a long hard day.

These are the hands that will hold you tight as you struggle through difficult times. They are the hands that will comfort you when you are sick and console you when you are grieving.

These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, for a lifetime of happiness.

These are the hands that will hold you in joy and excitement and hope.

These are the hands that will give you support as she encourages you to chase down your dreams. Together, everything you wish for can be realized.

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Part 3:

God, bless the hands that you see before you this day. May they always be held by one another. Give them the strength to hold on during the storms of stress and the dark of disillusionment. Keep them tender and gentle as they nurture each other in their love. Help these hands to continue building a relationship founded in your grace, rich in caring, and devoted to reaching for your perfection. May <Groom> and <Bride> see their four hands as healer, protector, shelter, and guide.

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