

These are the hands blessing

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

These are the hands of your best friend, 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 that will work along side your, as you build your future together, while you laugh and cry, and share your innermost secrets and dreams.

These are the hands that will tenderly hold and guide your children.

These are the hands that will work long hours for you and your new family.

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 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 fill 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 overwhelming love and desire for you.

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

These are the hands of your best friend, smooth, 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 hurt, supporting and encouraging them along the way, and knowing when it is time to let go.

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

These are the hands that will hold you tight as you struggle through difficult times.

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 passionately love you and cherish you through the years, for a lifetime of happiness.

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

Officiant:

Now Groom and Bride, hold each others hands. God, bless these 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 wondrous love. Help these hands to continue building a relationship founded in your grace, rich in caring, and devoted in reaching for your perfection. May Groom and Bride see their four hands as healer, protector, shelter and guide. We ask this through Christ Jesus, Our Lord, Amen.