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WEDDING POEMS, PRAYERS & QUOTES

W-01: YOU ARE THE REASON

When I look into your eyes  
I can see into your soul;  
You are the reason I am here,  
You are what makes me whole.

For you are my soulmate,  
our hearts are linked forever;  
and no matter what paths  
our lives lead us down,  
we will travel them together.

You are my sunshine in the morning  
and my shinning stars at night;  
when you hold me close in your arms,  
I know that all is right.

—J. Forte

W-02: WITH THIS RING . . .

With this ring, I thee wed,  
and with it I commit to you,  
the treasures of my soul,  
the devotion of my mind,  
the love of my heart,  
and the tender touch of my hands.

W-03: WHY I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU

Let me tell you why I fell in love with you . . .  
because you were the one I had always dreamed of,  
because you were not at all what I expected,  
because I looked into your eyes and saw my soul's companion.

I fell in love with you because I heard your voice and knew I'd  
found my heart's desire,  
because you could make me laugh and kiss away my tears,  
because you were strong and didn't need to prove it.

I fell in love with you because you were wise beyond your years,  
but would always be a little child,  
because I wanted to understand you, but you would always  
remain a mystery.

I fell in love with you in one moment . . .  
I'm marrying you because I need a lifetime to tell you why.

Love,  
*Bride's Name or Groom's Name*

W-04: IRISH MARRIAGE BLESSING

May God be with you and bless you.  
May you see your children's children.  
May you be poor in misfortunes and rich in blessings.  
May you know nothing but happiness from this day forward.

W-05: TO DAD . . .

On our wedding day,  
as my husband and I take our vows  
and make promises to each other,  
I make this promise to you as well . . .

Even as I take him into my heart and life,  
I promise to keep you Dad in my heart and life always.

For I know that I am able to love and cherish him so much  
because you loved and cherished me first.

No one can replace you in this whole wide world,  
and after I am married, I'll still be your little girl.

W-06: APACHE WEDDING BLESSING

*To Bride's Name and Groom's Name*  
Now you will feel no rain,  
for each of you will be shelter to the other.  
Now you will feel no cold,  
for each of you will be warmth to the other.  
Now there is no more loneliness,  
for each of you will be companion to the other.  
Now you are two persons,  
but there is one life before you.  
Go now to your dwelling place,  
to enter into the days of your togetherness,  
and may your days be good and long upon this earth.

W-07: LOVE IS . . .

Love is patient, Love is kind  
Love is not jealous, is not proud.

Is not puffed up,  
It does not behave badly.  
Love does not easily get angry,  
It does not think evil.

Love does not rejoice in iniquity,  
But rejoices in the truth.  
Love bears all things, believes all things,  
Hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

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**W-08: STILL WITH US**

We wish that *Deceased Loved One's Name* could be with us  
 On this very special day,  
 Because he/she was like a rush of sun  
 Before he/she went away.

We wish that he/she could share with us  
 The happiness we feel,  
 Because knowing that he/she knew our joy  
 Would make it all more real.

But even though he's/she's not with us,  
 His/her presence is still strong,  
 Because in his/her heart we'll always find  
 The love for which we long.  
 (Indicate name and gender)

**W-09: THANK YOU**

Thank you for coming and sharing our day.  
 Hope comes from loving, and loving from friends.  
 After you left, we were left with the stars,  
 Near stunned by the grace with which such a day ends.  
 Know that your presence helped fashion our way.  
 You are the fields on which marriage depends,  
 Opening vistas no heart can convey,  
 Unloosing sweet music that now will be ours.

**W-10: WEDDING BLESSING**

May a house of love be always yours  
 May you heed each others' wishes  
 May pleasures come in twos and fours  
 And quarrels end in kisses

**W-11: 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

—Robert Louis Stevenson

**W-12: CHEROKEE WEDDING PRAYER**

Father Sky please protect the ones we love.  
 We honor all you created as we pledge our hearts and  
 lives together.  
 We honor Mother Earth—and ask for our marriage to be  
 abundant and grow stronger through the seasons.  
 We honor fire—and ask that our union be warm and  
 glowing with love in our hearts.  
 We honor wind—and ask that we sail through life safe  
 and calm as in our father's arms.  
 We honor 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.

**W-13: NAVAJO WEDDING BLESSING**

Now you have lit a fire and that fire should not go out.  
 The two of you now have a fire that represents love,  
 understanding and a philosophy of life.  
 It will give you heat, food, warmth and happiness.  
 The new fire represents a new beginning—a new life and  
 a new family.  
 The fire should keep burning; you should stay together.  
 You have lit the fire for life, until old age separates you.

**W-14: CELTIC BLESSING**

We swear by peace  
 and love to stand  
 heart to heart  
 and hand to hand  
 Mark O Spirit  
 and hear us now  
 confirming this  
 our sacred vow.

**W-15: THE WAY**

The way is long—let us go together  
 The way is difficult—let us help each other  
 The way is joyful—let us share it  
 The way is ours alone—let us go in love  
 The way grows before us—let us begin

**W-16: WEDDING BLESSING**

To *Bride's Name & Groom's Name* . . . God, the Eternal,  
 keep you in love with each other, so that the peace of  
 Christ may abide in your home.  
 To Family & Friends . . . Bear witness to the love of God  
 in this world, so that those to whom love is a stranger will  
 find in you generous friends.

**W-17: A MARRIAGE PRAYER**

Bless this marriage, as *Bride's Name* and *Groom's Name*  
 begin their journey down the road of life together.  
 May they respect each other's likes and dislikes, opinions  
 and beliefs,  
 hopes and dreams, and fears even though they may not  
 always understand each other.  
 May they rest in the knowledge that no matter what  
 happens by holding on to each other things will work out  
 for the best.  
 Most of all, dear God, help them to keep the torch of love  
 burning with the fire that they now share in their hearts.

**W-18: A WEDDING BLESSING**

May your home be filled with laughter and the warm  
 embrace of a summer day.  
 May you find peacefulness and beauty, challenge, and  
 satisfaction, humor and insight, healing and renewal, love  
 and wisdom, as in a quiet heart.  
 May you always feel that what you have is enough.

**W-19: A WEDDING WISH**

All earthly goods I wish thee  
 All that's good for thee and thine  
 And still, not only earthly  
 But all we know to be divine  
 May earth and heaven mingle  
 May earth and heaven be one  
 All through your earthly journey  
 Till sets your earthly sun  
 In sunshine and in shadow  
 Through dancing and in song  
 May heaven bless your union  
 Throughout your whole life long

**W-20: HOW DO I LOVE THEE?**

Let me count the ways.  
 I love thee to the depth and breadth of height  
 My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
 For the ends of being and ideal grace . . .  
 I love thee with the breath,  
 Smiles, tears, of all my life! - and, if  
 God choose, I shall but love thee better after death.

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning