

## Welcoming Guests

## **Grateful Anticipation**

Everybody welcome to this exciting moment in Bride and Groom's lives. Put your worries on hold. We're gathered here to have fun, to honor the beauty of <u>love</u>, and to <u>celebrate</u> Bride and Groom getting <u>married</u>! I'm sure you've all <u>shared</u> their anticipation for <u>today</u> so I'd like to tell you all how much you <u>mean</u> to them. <u>You</u> are the <u>people</u> with whom Bride and Groom <u>share their love</u>, <u>support</u>, their <u>laughter and their tears</u>. You form their community of <u>support</u> and <u>each</u> of you is called upon to <u>uphold</u> them because <u>everyone here</u> supplies them with different aspects they'll <u>need</u> to live a <u>long</u> and <u>happy life</u> together. They sincerely thank <u>all</u> of you for <u>being here</u> today, but <u>the same</u> goes for those who weren't able to <u>attend</u>. Bride and Groom carry <u>them</u> in their hearts, <u>too</u>. You've all been invited here <u>not just</u> to <u>witness</u> their ceremony, but to <u>participate fully</u> with the positive energy of your <u>thoughts</u>, which will <u>bless</u> them <u>both</u> and help to support their <u>married</u> <u>life</u>. <u>Today</u> marks <u>another new chapter</u> in the <u>adventures of Bride and Groom</u> as they proclaim their love to the <u>world</u> and unite in <u>marriage</u>. <u>Today</u> they'll promise to give themselves <u>freely</u> and <u>generously</u> into the hands of one another, for <u>life</u>! So, <u>we're here</u> to celebrate their <u>love and</u> their <u>future</u> together <u>as husband</u> and <u>wife</u>.

## Promise in the Presence of Others

Welcome everybody! Today's the day that Bride and Groom formally make their promises to one another. Although today is certainly a high point in their lives, they both know that marriage is a journey not a destination, and that their commitment to each other can't possibly be summed up by any single event, like their wedding, but today's act is important. It's a promise to each other that will be renewed daily through their actions and by honoring a responsibility taken on in the spirit of faith, hope, and love. The promise of their marriage will bring comfort in times of sadness and also heighten their greatest joy. All of you are the most important and influential people in their lives and in various ways you support and contribute to their relationship. Every conversation that you've had with Bride and Groom, even before they met, helped them to find themselves and then to find each other. Each of you has played some part in bringing them to this moment. That's why gathering with those <u>closest</u> to them is <u>such an important part</u> of their wedding ceremony. As their family and friends, you've shared in their best and their worst days and that makes you the greatest gifts that life has given them, so although this is their day, believe me, in many ways tonight's celebration is also a tribute to all of you. Every love story is great, but this one is their favorite! Their wedding is a beautiful thing. Bride and Groom are in love and feel so connected that they've chosen to be lifelong partners!





## Faith-Based

Welcome to this <u>special moment</u> in Bride and Groom's lives and to the place they have <u>come to</u> in each other's <u>hearts</u>. <u>Today</u> we join with <u>them</u> as they <u>commit</u> before God and all of you that from <u>today forward</u> they will live as <u>one</u>. This ceremony will join them in <u>body</u>, <u>mind and spirit</u>. When they <u>met</u> each other, <u>both knew</u> that they'd met someone <u>special</u> and so <u>they're excited</u> for <u>today</u>, and <u>so grateful</u> to celebrate with all of <u>you</u>. You are the <u>most important people</u> in their lives and Bride and Groom <u>couldn't imagine</u> starting this next chapter without all of you here to <u>support</u> them, so I'd like to <u>remind</u> everyone that you've been invited here <u>not just</u> to <u>witness</u> their ceremony, but to participate fully with your thoughts and prayers, asking God to <u>bless this couple</u> and their <u>married life</u>. Bride and Groom feel <u>close</u> to you and ask that you join <u>with them</u> in this dedication of <u>sacred purpose</u>. For the <u>rest</u> of their <u>lives</u>, stand <u>beside</u> them offering your love and support and <u>encourage</u> them <u>with that kindness and love</u> to remain <u>young in spirit</u>. In <u>doing</u> so, you'll <u>honor their marriage</u> into which they've come to be joined today.



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