

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

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

