

Hand Blessing Ceremony

Minister:

Bride, and **Groom**, please hold each others hands with the palms facing upwards, so you may see the gift that they are to you.

These are the hands of your best friend, smooth, young and carefree, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as you promise to love and cherish each other through the years, for a lifetime of happiness.

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

These are the hands that will love you passionately, and, with the slightest touch, comfort you like no other.

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 hold you when fear or grief engulfs your heart.

These are the hands that will give you strength and support when you can't do it alone.

These are the hands that, when wrinkled and aged, will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.

Blessing:

May these hands be blessed this day. May they always hold each other. May they have the strength to hang on during the storms of stress and when darkness of disillusionment may appear. May they remain tender and gentle as they nurture each other in their wondrous love. May they build a relationship founded in love, and rich in caring. May these hands be healer, protector, shelter, and guide for each other.