

Readings



1. Apache Blessing

May the sun bring you new energy by day
May the moon softly restore you by night
May the rain wash away your worries
And the breezes blow new strength into your being
All the days of your life may you walk gently
Through the world, and know its beauty.

Now you will feel no rain
For each of you will be the shelter for each other
Now you will feel no cold
For each of you will be the warmth for the other
Now there will be no loneliness
For each of you will be companion for the other

Now you are two persons, but there are three lives before you
His life, her life, and your life together
Go now to your dwelling place
To enter into the days of your life together

May beauty surround you both
In the journey ahead and through all the years
May happiness be your companion
To the place where the river meets the sun
And may your days together
Be good and long upon the earth

2. The Day

May this be the start of a happy new life
That's full of special moments to share
May this be the first of your dreams come true
And hope that will always be there

May this be the start of a lifetime of trust
And caring that just now begun
May today be a day that you'll always remember
The day when your hearts become one

3. The Both of Us

A marriage between two
A joining of two hearts
A joining of hope for the future
A love that will never be apart

As you stand before us on this special day
We wish you all the love in the world
We wish you happiness for you both to share
May your dreams be fulfilled and life be without a care

I now ask everyone gathered here
To show their appreciation of the love they share
I ask you all to give a cheer
To share in (bride and groom) joy of being a pair

4. Together in Marriage

Together in marriage you will bring out the best in each other
You will learn from each other and grow from your differences
You two will be individuals
Living your own lives with each other as one

Together in marriage you will be stronger, more sensitive,
more aware, more knowing and more at peace,
than you are individually
You will be better people

Together in marriage your love will give understanding
To all that you do because you will share your ideas,
goals and frustrations
And you will always have someone to support
Whatever you say and do

Together in marriage you will be able to achieve
All that you want in life

5. The Wedding Ring

The sweetest story that's ever been told
Lies in the slim circle of gold
Joining two people as husband and wife
To share in the joys and the sorrows of life

For richer or poorer – in sickness and health
Your marriage can yield up a wonderful wealth
Of memories to treasure and hopes to renew
All part of the promises made by you two

With faith in each other and love as your guide
As long as forever, you'll walk side by side
And the shining reminder of how much you care
Will lie in the little gold band that you wear

6. What is a Marriage?

It is sharing and caring
Giving and forgiving
Loving and being loved
Walking hand in hand
Talking heart to heart
Seeing through each others eyes
Laughing together, weeping together
And always trusting and believing in each other
For love that is shared is a beautiful thing
It enriches the soul and makes the heart sing

7. On Your Wedding Day

Today is a day you will always remember
The greatest in anyone's life
You'll start off the day just two people in love
And end it as husband and wife

It's a brand new beginning, the start of a journey
With moments to cherish and treasure
And although there'll be times when you both disagree
These will surely be outweighed with pleasure

You'll have heard many words of advice in the past
When the secrets of marriage were spoken
But you know that the answers lie hidden inside
Where the bond of true love lies unbroken

So live happy forever as lovers and friends
It's the dawn of a new life for you
As you stand there together with love in your eyes
From the moment you whisper "I do"

And with luck, all your hopes and dreams can be real
May success find its way to your heart
Tomorrow can bring you the greatest of joys
But today is the day it all starts

8. To Keep Your Marriage Brimming

To keep your marriage brimming
With love in the loving cup
Whenever you are wrong, admit it
Whenever you are right, shut up

9. The Art of a Good Marriage

Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens
A good marriage must be created

In marriage the little things are the big things
It is never being too old to hold hands

It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day
It is never going to sleep angry

It is at no time taking the other for granted
The courtship should not end with the honeymoon
It should continue through all the years

It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives
It is standing together facing the world

It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family
It is doing things for each other, not in the attitude of
duty or sacrifice, but in the spirit of joy

It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating
gratitude in thoughtful ways

It is not looking for perfection in each other
It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding and
a sense of humour

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget
It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow
It is a common search for the good and the beautiful

It is establishing a relationship in which the
independence is equal, dependence is mutual and the
obligations reciprocal

It is not only marrying the right partner
It is being the right partner

10. Always Love Each Other

If you can always be as close and as happy as today
Yet be secure enough to grow and change along the way
If you keep for you alone your love as man and wife
Yet find the time to share your joy
With others in your life

If you can be as one
And walk through marriage hand in hand
Yet still support the goals and dreams
That each of you have planned

If you can dare to always go your separate ways together
Then all the wonders of today
Will stay with you forever

11. Once in a While

Once in a while, someone special walks into your life
And really makes a difference
They take the time to show you in so many little ways that you matter

They see and hear the worst in you, but don't walk away
In fact, they may care more about you
Their heart breaks with yours, their tears fall with yours, their laughter is shared
with yours

Every time you see a certain gesture, hear a certain laugh or phrase, or return to a
certain place, it reminds you of them
You treasure the time you have with them and you feel thankful that someone can
still touch your heart so deeply

You remember their words, their looks, their expressions
You remember the strength that amazes you
The courage that impresses you, the grace that inspires you and the love that
touches you

12. The One

When the one whose hand you're holding
Is the one who holds your heart
When the one whose eyes you gaze into
Gives you hopes and dreams their start

When the one you think of first and last
Is the one who holds you tight
And the things you plan together
Make the whole world seem just right

When the one whom you believe in
Puts their faith and trust in you
You've found the one and only love
You'll share your whole life through

13. Learning to Give

Learning to give, not always to take
Learning to forgive each little mistake
Learning to love, whatever the cost
Always remember alone you'd be lost
Trying so hard your partner to please
Trying to save whilst paying the fees
Trying to smile when things turn out wrong
Always remember to curb your tongue

Never think of yourself
Never say you wish you had wealth
Never let your temper get hot
Always be thankful for what you have got
If you remember all of these things
You will discover the joy that it brings
Then you will have what many folks miss
Always you'll have a marriage of bliss

14. A Celtic Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rain fall soft upon your fields
May the joy of living for each other
Bring a smile from your lips
And a twinkle from your eye
May you have walls for the wind
And a roof for the rain
Drinks beside the fire
Laughter to cheer you
And may you know nothing but happiness
From this day forward

15. In Marriage

In marriage, cherish each other in big ways and in small ways
And never forget the magic of those three little words
"I love you"

In marriage, remember that it is the little things that make the difference
Don't forget birthday's and the anniversaries
An occasional note means a lot

Share each other's life, even the small details
For too often that day-after-day becomes year-after-year and then it's gone

Give each other room to grow
We all need our time alone
Keep strong your faith in each other
Time has a funny way of testing us, and it's faith that gets us through

Respect one another
This world could always use more of that
Speak your mind honestly, openly, but with kindness

16. The Meaning

To love is to share life together
To build special plans just for two
 To work side by side
 And then smile with pride
As one by one, dreams all come true
 To love is to help and encourage
With smiles and sincere words of praise
 Take time to share, to listen and care
 In tender, affectionate ways
 To love is to have someone special
 One who you can always depend
 To be there through the years
 Sharing laughter and tears
 As a partner, a lover, a friend
To love is to make special memories
 Of moments you love to recall
Of all the good things that sharing life brings
 Love is the greatest of all

17. Marriage is a Promise

A marriage is a promise
That two hearts gladly make
 A promise to be tender
 To help, to give and take

A marriage is a promise
To be kind and understanding
To be thoughtful and considerate
 Fair and understanding

A marriage is a promise
To share one's life together
A love-filled promise meant to be
 Kept lovingly forever

18. A Special Person

Sometimes in life
You find a special person
Someone who can change your life
 Just by being part of it

Someone who will laugh with you
 And cry with you
Someone who can make you believe
 That there really is good in the world

Love isn't the person you can see yourself with
It's the person you can't see yourself without

19. Chapter One of One Thousand

For two people this dawn brought on a magical day
Now husband and wife they head on their way
 As a boat setting sail may their journey begin
 With calmest of waters, most helpful of wind
 And if they should stumble upon turbulent sea
 May it pass them unharmed – leave them be.

For here are two people whom love has well bitten
Here opens their book which has yet to be written
As the first page unfolds and their life inks its path
May it write a true story where forever love lasts
Let their journey be happy till death do they part
Of one thousand chapters may this be the start

20. Bob Marley Quote

“He’s not perfect
You aren’t either and the two of you will never be perfect

But if he can make you laugh at least once
Causes you to think twice
And if he admits to being human and making mistakes
Hold on to him and give him the most you can

He isn’t going to quote poetry
He’s not thinking about you every moment
But he will give you a part of him
That he knows you could break

Don’t hurt him, don’t change him
And don’t expect for more than he can give

Don’t analyse
Smile when he makes you happy
Yell when he makes you mad
And miss him when he’s not there

Love hard when there is love to be had
Because perfect guys don’t exist
But there’s always one guy
That is perfect for you”

21. Once in a Lifetime

Once in a lifetime, you find someone who touches, not only your heart, but also
your soul

Once in a lifetime, you discover someone who stands beside you,
not over you

Once in a lifetime, you find someone who loves you for who you are and not who
you could be

Once in a lifetime, you find someone,
as you have found each other

22. Love is Giving

Love is giving, not taking, mending, not breaking
Trusting, believing, never deceiving
Patiently bearing and faithfully sharing
Each joy, every sorrow, today and tomorrow

Love is kind, understanding
But never demanding
Love is constant, prevailing
Its strength never failing

A promise once spoken
For all time unbroken
Love’s time is forever

23. Give Lavishly! Live Abundantly!

The more you give, the more you get
The more you laugh, the less you fret
The more you do unselfishly
The more you live abundantly

The more of everything you share
The more you’ll always have to spare
The more you love, the more you’ll find
That life is good and friends are kind

For only what we give away
Enriches us from day to day

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25. Friendship

“It is often said that it is love that makes the world go round
However, without doubt, it is friendship which keeps our spinning existence on an
even keel

True friendship provides so many of the essentials for a happy life
It is the foundation on which to build an enduring relationship
It is the mortar which bonds us together in harmony, and it is the calm, warm
protection we sometimes need when the world outside seems cold and chaotic

True friendship holds a mirror to our foibles and failings, without destroying our
sense of worthiness

True friendship nurtures our hopes, supports us in our disappointments and
encourages us to grow to our best potential

(Name) and (Name) came together as friends
Today, they pledge to each other not only their love, but also the strength, warmth
and most importantly, the fun of true friendship

26. To My Daughter

How fast the years have flown by
Since I brought my baby girl home
Memories made of pure gold
I remember the baby I used to hold

And it seems like only yesterday
I used to smile as I watched you play
Dressing up in my old clothes
Wearing high heeled shoes and painted toes

Through teenage years you set the trend
My little girl became my friend
We'd shop all day and have a whirl
My little one now a gorgeous girl

Today I'll brush away a few small tears
Those memories I'll treasure all my years
My heart just leaps so full of pride
My daughter is now a beautiful bride

My love for you is plain to see
You'll always mean the world to me
Today you become (Name) wife
So I wish you both luck in your brand new life

27. Carrie's Poem from Sex and the City

His hello was the end of her endings
Her laugh was their first step down the aisle
His hand would be hers to hold forever
His forever was as simple as her smile

He said she was what was missing
She said instantly she knew
She was a question to be answered
And his answer was “I do”

28. I Love You

I love you
For the kindness in your eyes
And the warmth in your voice

For the honesty of your words
And the silence of your smile

For the ways in which we are similar
And those in which we are worlds apart

For the openness of your understanding
And the acceptance of your heart

For the tenderness of your touch
And the strength of your commitment

For your sense of humour
And your seriousness of purpose

For a thousand small reasons
And one most important of all

Simply because you are you
In all creation you are the one whom I cherish most

The one with whom I hope to share my life
Its joys, its sorrows, its accomplishments and its challenges

While building our dreams together and growing everyday
In the love that makes us one