We Still Say "I Do" National Marriage Week: February 7-14, 2024

Marriage Blessing - SAMPLE

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before you today with hearts full of gratitude for the sacred institution of marriage. As these couples continue along this journey together, we lift them up in prayer, seeking your divine guidance and blessings.

Lord, continue to grant them:

- Love that Endures: May the love that they share be steadfast and enduring, rooted in the sacrificial love exemplified by Christ. May it be a love that stands strong in times of joy and weathers the storms of life.
- Patience and Understanding: Grant them patience to understand each other deeply. May they
 embrace the uniqueness of their individual journeys and, in doing so, strengthen the bond that
 unites them.
- Wisdom in Decision-Making: Give them wisdom to make decisions that honor and uplift their marriage. May they seek your guidance in all aspects of their lives together.
- Forgiveness and Grace: Teach them the beauty of forgiveness and the grace to extend it generously. In moments of misunderstanding, may they find the strength to forgive and the humility to seek forgiveness.
- Joy in Everyday Moments: Bless them with joy in the ordinary moments of life. May they find delight in each other's company, laughter in shared experiences, and solace in quiet moments of reflection.

Lord, we also ask for:

- Your Presence in Their Home: May your presence dwell within the walls of their home. May it be a sanctuary of peace, love, and hospitality—a place where your grace is felt and shared with others.
- Community Support: Surround them with a supportive community of fellow believers who can walk alongside them, providing encouragement and accountability as they grow together in faith and love.
- A Lifetime Filled with Your Blessings: Pour out your blessings upon them, both individually and as a couple. May they experience the richness of a life lived in accordance with your will.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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The prior sample was lovingly prepared by Rev. "Mike" Glenn. The following is a note from him:

"I serve on the Steering Committee for Bay Marriage Champions, and they asked me to provide a possible time, though brief, for the recognition and endorsement (of marriages) for Evangelical and Protestant churches in Bay County on February 11th.

The Steering Committee plans to recognize many participating churches by photographing some but recognizing all. So, we would appreciate it if you would let us know if you plan to participate by contacting:

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Although we have been married 57 years, Jan and I don't claim to have all of the answers. However, we've learned and experienced much together. From those occasions and other sources, I suggest the (preceding renewal script) which, of course, can be added to or (detracted from)."

Your Friend, Rev. "Mike" Glenn, 1 Corinthians 15:58