

Hand Blessing Ceremony



We will now incorporate the beautiful
and ancient sentiment of
“The Blessing of the Hands”
into our modern Wedding Ceremony.

Party A.....please face Party B
and hold his hands, palms up,
so you may see the gift that they are to you.

These are the hands of your best friend,
young and strong and vibrant with love,
that are holding yours on your wedding day,
as he promises to love you all the days of his life.

These are the hands that will work along side yours,
as together you build your future,
as you laugh and cry,
as you share your innermost secrets and dreams.

These are the hands
you will place with expectant joy
against your stomach, until he too,
feels his child stir within you.

These are the hands that look so large and strong,
yet will be so gentle as he holds your baby
for the very first time.

These are the hands that will work long hours
for you and your new family.

These are the hands that will passionately love you
and cherish you through the years,
for a lifetime of happiness.

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 comfort you in illness,
and hold you when fear or grief wrack your mind.

These are the hands that will tenderly lift your chin
and brush your cheek
as they raise your face to look into his eyes:
eyes that are filled completely
with his overwhelming love and desire for you.

Party B, please hold Party A's hands, palms up,
where 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 she pledges her love and commitment to you
all the days of her life.

These are the hands that will hold each child in tender love, soothing
them through illness and hurt,
supporting and encouraging them along the way,
and knowing when it is time to let go.

These are the hands that will massage tension
from your neck and back
in the evenings after you've both had a long hard day.

These are the hands that will hold you tight
as you struggle through difficult times.

These are the hands that will comfort you when you are sick,
or console you when you are grieving.

These are the hands that will passionately love you
and cherish you through the years,
for a lifetime of happiness.

These are the hands that will hold you
in joy and excitement and hope,
each time she tells you that you are to have another child,
that together you have created a new life.

These are the hands that will give you support
as she encourages you to chase down your dreams.
Together as a team, everything you wish for can be realized.

Party B and Party A, please hold each other's hands now
so that you may feel their warmth and strength.



This will edited it *anyway you wish*. It is a little wordy about children
if you are not planning to have a family or consider this kind of thing
to be a private matter. This can all be left out.