

Baby Blessing #4

Beautiful Baby Blessing Ceremony with a water blessing.

Ceremony includes the participation of the Guardians and Grandparents.

Greeting

Officiant:

On behalf of (Parent's) _____ & _____, I'd like to welcome you all here today! This is a very joyous day for all of us. It is a day in which we come together to take part in a ceremony to recognize, honor and welcome their beautiful baby daughter/son (Child) _____ into their family unit, and into the wider family of their relatives and friends.

Today is truly a celebration of love, and of life! As (Child) _____ is here today, she/he is new and perfect. She/he is a gift. Her/his smile, her/his laughter, and her/his presence enrich the lives of all who know her/him. Only (Age) _____ months old, and already she/he has made the world a better place.

This child is our future and represents the light of the world. (Parent's) _____ & _____ have honored all of you today by inviting you to not only witness this beautiful welcoming ceremony, but most importantly, to participate in the blessing of this child.

(Child) _____ comes from a wonderful family, with a rich and diverse cultural and religious heritage. There are many paths to becoming a good person, with a strong internal moral compass and a joy of living. It is such an exciting time and place we live in. (Child) _____ is free to learn from and embrace all sides of the spiritual paths that have come together, and will make her/him who she/he is.

Today we simply give thanks and celebrate all the many wonderful blessings (Child) _____ brings, and do our best to remember, and be thankful for, the very special role that we all have in her/his life.

Moment of Remembrance

This event is shared, if in a different way, by those who have passed beyond this life. Their roles in the lives of (Parent's) _____ & _____ are gratefully remembered. They acknowledge and honor the bloodlines, the history and the people who have all gone into the creation of (Child)_____. They remember what it felt to be with these loved ones, and that through shared memories (Child)_____ may come to know her/his ancestors and the lineage that is her birthright.

Opening prayer

Officiant:

So let us begin with a prayer of thanks:

This family has been blessed with a new life.

May (Child's)_____ presence bring joy and gladness to the hearts of all who love her/him.

May she/he be blessed and protected through all of the wonderful and difficult things that the years will bring.

May she/he find goodness and inspiration, and be given the wisdom to discern the true from the transient.

May her/his life be rich and full, in wealth that is measured by both the physical and spiritual context of her existence.

May (Child)_____ be prosperous in all ways.

May she/he love well and be well loved.

Through each passage and season may she/he be surrounded by the warmth of family and friends.

And may her/his days be forever filled with love and happiness.

Amen.

Naming

Officiant:

Names have always been a powerful part of our identity. They can represent the family to which we belong, or the part of the world from which we come and even some part of our personality.

There are three names by which a person is called:

One which their Father and Mother call them,

And one which people call them,

And one which they earn for themselves.

The best one of these is the one that they earn for themselves.

As (Child)_____ grows she will indeed claim her own titles and names, yet (Parent's)_____ & _____ have given her/him a name to begin her journey.

Officiant: To parents

What name have you chosen for your child?

Father: "We have chosen the name _____" named in the honor of her/his_____

Mother: "We have also chosen the name _____, named in honor of her/his _____"

Officiant: I congratulate you on the birth of your daughter/son (Child)_____.

Parental Promise

Officiant:

Ladies and gentlemen, I am now going to ask (Parent's)_____ & _____ to make promises as parents in front of you, their family and friends, as such those who mean the most to them in the world.

(Child)_____ has honored you by choosing you as her parents. Therefore, honor her/him and remember that (Child)_____ is her/his own being with her/his own thoughts and feelings. She/he is a child of the universe and has been given many gifts from the Divine so that she/he can light the way for the future. Therefore, it is important for you to support her/him and protect her/him, so that her/his gifts may blossom and she/he can make this world better than it was before.

Do you promise to teach (Child)_____ not who or what, but how to love, to trust, to respect, and to dream so that she may truly participate in the remarkable journey that is life?

Parents: "Yes."

That you will value her hopes and dreams and let her know that she/he will always be welcomed, accepted and loved for who she/he is and for who she/he is not?"

Parents: "Yes."

To expose her/him to a variety of experiences, showing her the beginnings of many a wondrous journey, instilling in her/his a sense of wonder and passion, and the knowledge that she/he alone has the power to complete herself/himself?

Parents: "Yes."

To teach (Child)_____ right from wrong, to enable her/him to make her/his place in society as a kind and caring person?

Parents: "Yes."

Officiant:

To teach (Child)_____ to celebrate diversity, never ever being aware of prejudice. Knowing no boundaries, to be loving of all that surrounds her/him in her/his life, and celebrate the similarities and differences in our world?

Parents: "Yes."

To hold her/him close in your hearts always, yet still encourage her/him to stand on her/his own when the time comes so that she/he may discover her/his own true self?

Parents: "Yes."

Poem:

I would like to share a poem that (Parents)_____ & _____ have chosen for (Child)_____.

To (Child)_____ from Mom and Dad:

We want you to be happy. We want you to fill your heart with feelings of wonder and to be full of courage and hope.

We want you to have the type of friendship that is a treasure - and the kind of love that is beautiful forever. We wish you contentment: the sweet, quiet, inner kind that comes around and never goes away.

We want you to have hopes and have them all come true. We want you to have a real understanding of how unique and rare you truly are. We want to remind you that the sun may disappear for a while, but it never forgets to shine. May the words you listen to, say the things you need to hear. And may a cheerful face lovingly look back at you when you happen to glance in your mirror.

We wish you the insight to see your inner and outer beauty. We wish you sweet dreams. We want you to have times when you feel like singing and dancing and laughing out loud. We want you to be able to make your good times better and your hard times easier to handle. We wish we could find a way to tell you - in untold ways - how important you are to us.

Of all the things we'll be wishing for, wherever you are and whatever we may do, there will never be a day in our lives when we won't be wishing for the best... for you.

Guardian Introduction

Officiant:

At this time I would like to ask (Guardians) _____ & _____ to come forward and stand by (Child) _____.

A wonderful tradition in our culture on these occasions is the responsibility accepted by guardians. The guardians will undertake a special and lifelong interest in the welfare of (Child) _____.

Today (Guardians) _____ & _____ have agreed to become involved in (Child's) _____ life by promising to be there for her should she need support, wisdom, comfort and guidance.

They have been chosen by (Parent's) _____ & _____ because of their connection with them, and the family. The fact that they have been chosen by (Parents) _____ & _____, is an indicator of their position of trust, and respect within this family.

Officiant to (Guardians) _____ & _____:

Will you as best as you can, help take care of (Child) _____?

To encourage, guide and support her/him in all her endeavors,

Help her/him recognize the beauty within herself/himself and all things,

And to become someday not the woman/man we wish for her/him, but the realization of her own hopes, dreams and the fulfillment of her/his soul?"

Guardians: "We will."

May you always know how special you are to (Parent's) _____ & _____ that they would ask you to tend to the most precious thing that they have in this world.

To Grandparents

Officiant:

There is no other bond quite like that of a grandparent and their grandchild.

Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, and the keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory.

Grandparents are the family's strong foundation. They have a special love that sets them apart from anyone else. They are always there to love you unconditionally, to listen when you feel like you're not being heard, and to give advice that is always wise and pure of heart.

(Child) _____ is honored to have Grandma _____, Grandpa and Grandma _____, and Great Grandpa _____. As well as Nana and Pop Pop and Great Grandma _____.

Officiant to Grandparents: will you promise to support (Child)_____, will you promise to play with her/him, spoil her to the best of your ability and share with her your wisdom and the memories of her ancestors? If so, please answer “We will”.

Grandparents say: We Will

Will you support (Child)_____ on her spiritual path, as well as, all other paths in her/his life? Will you promise to support the parents and guardians to fulfill their sacred promise? If so, please answer, “We will”.

Grandparents say: We Will

May you always be aware of how special the extraordinary relationship of trust and mutual enjoyment between child and grandparent is.

To friends and family

Officiant:

The Guardians & Grandparents do not stand alone this day. The presence and support of all of you, family and friends is needed for (Child)_____ to grow strong and balanced. (Parent’s)_____ & _____ realize that the more love this child receives; the more she/he will be able to give love to other. The more people that make up her/his world, the richer her/his world will be.

Each of you possess such beautiful qualities and strength of character that have been a blessing to (Parent’s)_____ & _____ life. Today we ask that you acknowledge your acceptance of the task of providing a supportive community to (Child)_____. Through your presence and example, you will help her/him discover her/his own extraordinary talents and contribute them towards a better world. There are many paths and each must find their own. So do you agree to teach young (Child)_____ all the things you know to be true in your heart, so that when she is fully grown, she/he shall discover her own truths? She/He will know which path is hers/his and shall travel it with joy. Do you so accept this responsibility? If so, please answer “We will”.

**Friends and Family say “We will”

Water blessing

Officiant:

Water has long been considered by many as the source of life.... Water is in and around all of us, and is also a symbol of the human spirit--- always in motion, never ceasing, only taking new forms.....

Every element needs water to grow and thrive, to even survive. The trees and flowers, the fish and the birds, and all of us..... Water nourishes us, cleanses us, comforts us, and renews us.

So.....Because we believe and know in our hearts that (Child)_____ made her/his way onto this earth as a pure, innocent, and perfect soul, this ceremony is not intended to cleanse her from sin. It is instead to celebrate her/his life, and to signify our intentions to nourish her/his heart, her/his mind, her/his body, and her/his spirit.... to allow her/his life to flow in the direction she/he chooses each day, with the love and guidance of family and friends to help her/his find her/his way.

Officiant rubs the blessed water on the top of (Child's)_____ head and says:

You are connected, protected, loved, and blessed.

Officiant rubs the blessed water on (Child's)_____ forehead and says:

All your senses are blessed, protected, and awakened.

Officiant rubs the blessed water over (Child's)_____ heart and says:

Your heart is blessed so that you may feel compassion for yourself and others.

Officiant rubs the blessed water on both of (Child's)_____ hands and says:

Your hands are blessed so that you may reach out to the world.

Officiant rubs the blessed water on both of (Child'd)_____ feet and says:

Your feet are blessed so that you may connect with the earth, be grounded, and stand your ground in this world. Know that your spirit is strong and it will guide you through this life.. Know that you are deeply loved and that your presence brings overwhelming joy.

Final prayer

(this prayer or blessing represents Lola's life going forward)

Officiant:

Let us pray:

We thank you God, for the gift of this wonderful child.

We pray for the continued health of (Child)_____.

We pray for her/him to be strong in mind and body.

To grow steadily and sturdily in a home filled with joy and love.

We pray for her/him to become a person who greets the world with passion, courage,

humility, wisdom and humor

We pray for the ability of (Parent's) _____ & _____ to love, nurture, understand, provide for, and educate (Child)_____.

We pray for God to watch over us, our family, and our community. Amen

Closing words and send off

Officiant:

Dear Little One, we welcome you with love,

And ask for these Blessings to flow from Above,

As you go on your journey live life well every day,

Be mindful of these Blessings gently guiding your way.

And so with abiding confidence and affection, we send you forth on your journey of life.

Amen

~End of Ceremony~