

## Baby Blessing #3

This baby welcoming is non-religious and included a rose petal blessing with participation of family and friends.

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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 is new and perfect, with no need of fixing nor cleansing. She is a gift. Her smile, her laughter, and her presence enrich the lives of all who know her. Only half way through her/his first year here, (Age) \_\_\_\_\_ old, and already she has made the world a better place.

(Child) \_\_\_\_\_ comes from a wonderful family of two different and distinct religions. (Parents) \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ have come together to share the best of what each has to offer, appreciating their differences, and confirming that love, - which is spoken of in all religions, - is our true home. Out of these two families, a new family has been created.

(Parents) \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ look forward to raising (Child) \_\_\_\_\_ to understand and celebrate both of their religious traditions. 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 who she is. So not only is this a joyous occasion, but a spiritual one, as well.

Moment of Remembrance:

**Officiant:** This event is shared, if in a different way, by those who have passed beyond this life, we would like to remember \_\_\_\_\_. Their roles in the lives of (Parents) \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ are gratefully remembered. They acknowledge and honor the bloodlines, the history and the people who have all gone into the creation of (Child) \_\_\_\_\_, and that through shared memories (Child) \_\_\_\_\_ may come to know

her ancestors and the lineage that is her birthright.

(Parents)\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ would like to take a moment to pay tribute to these special people who have passed:

(Parents)\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ take turns saying the names of loved ones who have passed and their relationship to (Child)\_\_\_\_\_.

(Father says): My Grandfather, \_\_\_\_\_

(Mother says): My Grandfather, \_\_\_\_\_

(Father says): My Grandfather, \_\_\_\_\_

(Mother says): My Grandmother, \_\_\_\_\_

(Father says): My Grandmother, \_\_\_\_\_

(Mother says): My Grandfather, \_\_\_\_\_

(Father says): Aunt/Uncle \_\_\_\_\_

**Officiant:** We are certain that they are here with us in spirit today as we celebrate this joyous occasion.

**Officiant:** I would like to invite (Father/Mother)\_\_\_\_\_ to read a poem that he/she has written for his daughter/son

(Father/Mother reads poem)

### **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.

**Officiant:** To parents

What name have you chosen for your child?

Father: We have chosen the name \_\_\_\_\_ (You may explain the meaning if you like)

Mother “We have also chosen the name \_\_\_\_\_, named after her/his \_\_\_\_\_.

Parental Promise:

#### **Officiant:**

Ladies and gentlemen, I am now going to ask (Parents)\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

Do you promise to nurture and protect (Child)\_\_\_\_\_ throughout her/his life, promise to support and offer her/his guidance in the choices that she/he will make?

(Parents respond): We do

**Officiant:**

Do you promise to teach (Child)\_\_\_\_\_ right from wrong, to enable her/his to make her/his place in society as a kind and caring person?

(Parents respond): We do

**Officiant:**

Do you promise to teach (Child)\_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate diversity, never ever being aware of prejudice, knowing no boundaries, to be loving of all that surrounds her/his in her/his life, and celebrate the similarities and differences in our world?

(Parents respond): We do. We promise to be the best parents we can.

Guardian Introduction:

**Officiant:**

(Parents)\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ have chosen two guardians for (Child)\_\_\_\_\_ today.

At this time I would like to ask \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to come forward and hold (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/him should she need support, wisdom, comfort and guidance.

They have been chosen by (Parents)\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

To (Guardians)\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Help her 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/his own hopes, dreams and the fulfillment of her/his soul?"

Guardians: "We will."

May you always know how special you are to (Parents)\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ that they would ask you to tend to the most precious thing that they have in this world.

Blessing: Rose petal

**Officiant:**

The birth of their baby has brought great joy and happiness into the lives of (Parent's)\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. They are also aware that along with this joy and happiness comes the responsibility of this child's life and happiness. From now on, much of their life will involve caring for their baby, guiding her development, nurturing her growth as a responsible human being.

Your presence at this celebration today is greatly appreciated. All of you are the most important, and have been the most influential people in their lives. For all of you are amongst the greatest gifts that life has given them. All of you are those that they can call family and friend. And because of this you have not only been invited here to share their happiness and their joy. (Parent's)\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ also ask you to share their responsibility, realizing 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.

I would like to invite (Child's)\_\_\_\_\_ Grandparents \_\_\_\_\_&\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_&\_\_\_\_\_, as well as her Aunts and Uncles, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_,& \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_, to help with a special rose petal blessing for her/him.

(Parents may hold (Child)\_\_\_\_\_ in arms or sit with her in lap, whatever is most comfortable for them)

(As (Parents)\_\_\_\_\_&\_\_\_\_\_ shower (Child)\_\_\_\_\_ with white rose petals)

**Officiant says:**

As the petals of the white rose symbolize innocence, may (Child's)\_\_\_\_\_ ideals and heart remain untarnished and ever pure, with the wonders of childhood innocence forever hers/his.

(As (Grandparent's)\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ shower (Child)\_\_\_\_\_ with yellow rose petals)

**Officiant says:**

May the petals of the yellow rose foreshadow the friends and the friendships, steadfast and unwavering, that will bless her in the years ahead.

(As (Grandparent's)\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ shower (Child)\_\_\_\_\_ with pink rose petals)

**Officiant says:**

The pink rose and her petals speak of the tender love and compassion her/his spirit will know. The love that knows no bounds.

(As (Aunt's & Uncle's)\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ shower (Child)\_\_\_\_\_ with red rose petals)

**Officiant says:**

And as always, may the passion of the red rose forever kindle the fire in her/his heart for both life itself and for all the passions she/he will find there.

(Mother)\_\_\_\_\_: May you know blessings in your life that your father and I have had in ours.

(Father)\_\_\_\_\_: Friends and family, please welcome our daughter/son  
(Child)\_\_\_\_\_

Closing prayer:

**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. Amen

~End of Ceremony~