

Baby Blessing #11

Non-Religious Ceremony With Water or Rose Blessings



Below is a sample of a non-religious baby blessing with water or rose blessings ceremony.

Any elements can be changed to fit your desires.

I would love to work with you to create the ceremony you would like. It can be religious, spiritual or non-religious.

~ Non-Religious Baby Blessing with Water/or Rose Petals~

Greeting
Invocation/Blessing
Charge to the parents
Parental promise
Charge to, Responsibility and vows of Godparents
Declaration of baby's name and its significance
Water ceremony/(or you may choose oil/rose petals)
Closing blessing

*****If you like after the Parental Promise you may add any of these elements:

Honoring a sibling
Remembering those who have passed
Honoring the grandparents

Altar is set up in the center of the room. A small bowl of blessed water with rose petals in it, is sitting in the center (it has been blessed prior to the ceremony-by the Officiant or by

the Officiant along with the parents). You may choose to include other mementos on altar such as family photos, flowers, anything of special meaning to the family.

Ceremony begins with Officiant, parents holding their beautiful new baby and godparents/grandparents (whatever the parents have chosen) standing at the altar. Soft music in background may be played while guests arrive.

Greeting

Officiant:

Welcome friends and family! Today is a very special day for all of us. It is a day in which we celebrate the birth of this child _____ .

What you are all about to witness here today is truly a celebration of love, and of life! As _____ 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 first year here, ___months old, and already she has made the world a better place.

This child is our future and represents the light of the world. _____ & _____ 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.

Invocation

(This is the beginning blessing on this service that is about to begin)

Officiant:

In every birth, blessed is the wonder.
In every creation, blessed is the new beginning.
In every child, blessed is life.
In every hope, blessed is the potential.
In every transition, blessed is the beginning.
In every existence, blessed are the possibilities.
In every love, blessed are the tears.
In every life, blessed is the love.
There are three names by which a person is called:
One which her father and mother call her,
And one which people call her,
And one which she earns for herself.
The best one of these is the one that she earns for herself.'

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

Charge To Parents

Officiant:

_____ has honored you by choosing you as her/his parents. Therefore, honor him/her and remember that _____ is his/her own being with his/her 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 him/her and protect him/her, so that his/her gifts may blossom and she/he can make this world better than it was before.

Parental Promise

Officiant:

_____ & _____, will you promise to love, nurture, and support _____, and to create a healthy environment so that she/her may grow on his/her specific path? If so, please answer "We will."

Parents: We will

Charge To Godparents

Officiant:

It is often mistakenly thought that the Godparents are the ones who shall raise a child in the event that the parents cannot. But this is not so. Godparents are those who promise they will be there to help the child grow spiritually. There is a place in _____'s life almost like a guardian angel. The promise is one of a physical presence in her life as someone who she knows will always be standing quietly behind her, encouraging her to make good choices, and sharing with her the lessons they themselves have learned along the way.

Godparents come forward

Officiant:

"While you are not _____'s parents the place that you have both taken in her life is an important one. _____ and _____ trust your motivations and your judgment completely and they take comfort in knowing that although there will be times when _____ cannot come to them, that she will always be able to come to you for guidance and support. By

accepting the role of Godparent you say to _____ and the world. I promise, I will be there for you as you grow into womanhood. With this in mind I now ask you...

Godparents Vows

Will you as best as you can, help take care of _____?
To protect her at all times from harm?
To encourage, guide and support her in all her endeavors,
Help her recognize the beauty within herself and all things,
And to become someday not the woman we wish for her but the realization of her own hopes, dreams and the fulfillment of her soul?"

Godparents: "We will."

Officiant:

"May you always know how special you are to _____ and _____ that they would ask you to tend to the most precious thing that they have in this world."

Christening Of Name:

Officiant: *To parents*

What name have you chosen for your child?

Father : We have chosen the name _____, to signify the gentle beauty her presence offers our world. (*or whatever the meaning of the child's name is*)

Mother: "We have also chosen the name _____, to represent the _____
(*whatever the meaning of the child's name is*)

The Blessing Of The Child

(I will address the new baby and I will use the blessed water with roses to bless the top of her/his head, her/his forehead, her/his heart, both her/his hands and both her/his feet).

Officiant rubs the blessed water on the top of her/his head and say:

You are connected, protected, loved, and blessed.

Officiant rubs the blessed water on her/his forehead and say:

All your senses are blessed, protected, and awakened.

Officiant rubs the blessed water over her heart and say:

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

Officiant rubs the blessed water on both her/his hands and say:

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

Officiant rubs the blessed water on both her/his feet and say:



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.

Poem Read By A Grandparent or Godparent

Speak to Us of Children
(by Kahil Gibran)

Your children are not your children
They are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself
They come through you but not from you.
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.
You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
Which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterdays.
You are bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.
The archer seeks the mark upon the path of the infinite,
And he bends you with His might that His arrow may go swift and far.
Let your blending in the archer's hand be for goodness.
For even as He loves the arrow that flies,
So He loves the bow that is stable.

Final Blessing

Officiant:

I congratulate (Parents of the Baby) on the birth of their baby, and the Godparents on their willingness to share with them the care and concern for the welfare of (Baby).

May her life be filled with the good things of life, and in particular with the love and laughter of those who make up her world.

With abiding confidence and affection, we send you forth on your journey of life. May you be filled with thanks and wonder, humor and fun, hope and perseverance so that you may grow in wisdom and grace.