**Prayers for Celebrations**

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**Wedding Prayer**

Let us thank the Divine  
For the perfection of two:  
For man and woman  
For summer and winter  
Day and night  
Sun and moon -  
And all things in balance  
That have been so  
Since the beginning of time

The Beloved gave us two  
In love, in life and in nature,  
From the birds that fly -  
To the deer that run through the long grass;  
From the joy of young lovers -  
To the tender romance of the old.

In cold lands and warm  
Both near and far  
The beauty of two -  
Husband and wife  
Is strong and sublime:  
From the poorest humble home  
To the most glorious palace  
We celebrate marriage  
And the sheer joy of true love.

And with this sacred knowledge  
Let us hold two thoughts in our hearts:  
Let us remember  
That there is no one,  
Not one single soul  
That walks alone on this earth;  
For your guardian angel is always with you.  
And let us remember  
That this blessed moment  
This sacred union  
Is a divine ritual,  
A celebration of the perfection of two  
And their love for each other:  
For it is love, such as theirs  
That opens the gates  
To the realms of harmony and joy  
Shared with family and friends

Blessed with happiness and laughter  
Which is why we offer  
Our thanks for this most sacred day -  
And this most sacred world  
And the Beloved  
That loves us all.

**The Godparent’s Prayer**(For baby blessings)

The child that feels the wind  
The child that hears the sound of the waves  
The child that is radiant in the light of the sun  
The child that is touched by the perfection of the moon -  
Is truly blessed.

Little one,  
You are adored and nurtured by your parents  
People of love and gentleness  
You are loved and admired by your grandparents  
But you and you alone  
Are my godchild  
And I have been entrusted with this role.  
And it is with respect  
To all things sacred  
That I will follow your steps  
And spiritual pathways  
Committing myself  
To you –  
And the wishes of your parents  
And the beloved spirit  
That is the mother of all things  
And the father of all things  
That brought you here and now.  
Blessed Be