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Marriage ceremonies, 1960s.

1. You have come
2. There are certain rare moments in life - glow with a special radiance. And their light shines athwart our years, long after the moment and the event which it recalls have passed away. This is such a moment for you.
3. In the simple and time-hallowed ritual of our faith you are about to be united in marriage. The separate ~~XXXXX~~ roads which until now you have walked alone, will now converge - to become one road, and on that road you will henceforth walk together, hand-in-hand, until the sun sets and your day draws to a close.
4. Among our people marriage is known by two very beautiful terms. One is "sanctification". Marriage is more than a solemn compact entered into by two people to share a life and a home. It is a holy covenant, witnessed and blessed by God, whereby a man and a woman resolve to become truly one, sharing a common destiny, so that the joys and sorrows of the one, the hopes, fears, the success or failure of ~~the one are also those of the other.~~
Henceforth it is no longer you and I but ~~we, no longer mine and thine but ours!~~
5. You have chosen each other in the freedom of your hearts. You have resolved to go through life in the companionship of faith and trust and devotion. There is much that is unpredictable in life - much beyond our control. But God, in His grace and goodness, had given us the capacity to determine, to a very large degree, our own way of life, and our own destiny.
6. I pray that you will bring to your union that which will sanctify it, the understanding heart - that you will replenish your love constantly by acts of thoughtfulness and tenderness and mutual esteem, and solicitude.
7. Love deepens as life deepens. The more earnestly you will reach out together for the real values of life, the things which really matter, the noble interests and the finer enterprises of mind and spirit, the deeper will grow your devotion to one another, and the stronger will be your mutual loyalties.
8. Marriage among our people is also called . Freely rendered the term means "uplifting". In marriage men and women have the opportunity to ennoble each other's life, to help one another to fulfill the dearest wishes of their hearts.

Men and women grow stronger through their mutual trust and helpfulness and more mature because of their shared experiences. They uplift each other to higher levels of human worth - and a greater measure of happiness and peace is theirs.

9. And so I pray that you will find in your marriage both sanctification and uplift.

May the home -



1. You have come
2. There are certain rare moments ^{in life -} ~~glow~~ with a special radiance. and their light shines at least ^{and the event which it marks} ~~over~~ our years, long after the ~~event~~ ^{moment} ~~has~~ passed away. This is such a moment for you, and, to a degree also, for your dear ones who are here with you.
3. In the simple and time-hallowed ritual of our faith you are about to be united in marriage. The ^{separate} ~~roads~~ ^{roads} which until now you have ~~traveled~~ ^{walked} ~~alone~~, will now converge - to become one road, and on that road you will henceforth walk together hand-in-hand, until the sun sets and ~~the day~~ ^{your day} draws to ~~its~~ close.
4. Among our people marriage ^{is known} by two ^{very} beautiful terms. One is ^{קידוש} - "Sanctification". Marriage is more than a solemn compact ^{entered into by two people} to share a life and a home. It is a holy covenant, witnessed and blessed by God, whereby ~~that~~ ^{truly to share a common destiny} a man and a woman ^{become one}, so that the joys and sorrows of the one, the hopes, ~~the~~ fears, the success or failure, the one ^{are} also those of the other. It is no longer you and I but we; no longer mine and thine but ours!

5. You have chosen each other in the freedom of your hearts. You have resolved to go through life together in the companionship of faith and trust and ~~loyalty~~ devotion. There is much that is unpredictable in life. Much beyond our control. But God, in his grace and goodness, has given us the capacity to determine, to a ^{very} large degree, our own way of life, and our own destiny.

6. I pray that you will bring to your union the understanding heart - that you will replenish your love constantly by acts of thoughtfulness and tenderness and mutual esteem.

7. Love deepens as life deepens. The more earnestly you will reach out together for the real values of life, the things which really matter, the noble interests and the fine enterprises of mind and spirit, the deeper will grow your devotion to one another, and the stronger will be your mutual loyalties.

8. Marriage among our people is also called mitzvah. Freely rendered, the term means "obligation". In marriage men and women have the opportunity to enrich each other, to enrich each other's life, to help one another to fulfill the dearest wishes of their hearts.

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9/ And so I pray that you will find in your
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May the home —



Carolyn + Norman

1/ You have come -

Among our people - Marriage
is called pl 137 - Sandwich

It is more a solemn Commitment - THIS Only Covenant
- a Sacrament

2/ You have chosen one another
in the freedom of your
hearts - and have resolved
to go through in the companionship
of faith, trust and devotion

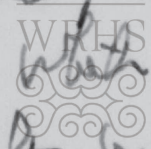


There is a word that is
unpredictable in life - and
remains beyond our control -
but men & women have been
given by God the capacity &
the freedom to ~~to a large degree~~
determine, ~~to a large degree~~, their
own way of life - and their own
destiny.
And I pray that
~~using~~ the noblest ~~motives~~ ideas
within your way of life.
3/ Also (also) ~~which~~ -
which may be rendered



'uplifting'. In many ways,
men cannot have the opportunity
to enrich each other. To en-
rich each other's life,

we must reestablish what
we should and should and
obligations which are
based - left men to return
to the high level, living
with - & guide them the
future morning happiness
and peace.



And so I pray that you (4)
will find us, and through
Santabarbara, and spirit -
May the Lord which you
will find - a few / all -
- and the health there?
Am always

WRHS

