

Sample Convocation Paragraphs

The term “**Convocation**” means to call together. The terms **Address**, **Message**, **Words of Welcome**, or **Opening Words**, can also be used in place of this heading. Tom never reads the headings in his ceremonies. The headings are there for organizational reasons to show transitions. In your ceremony please use whatever term you like. In your Program you can denote a heading or not. Many programs just say **Welcoming Words or Words of Welcome**.

The first Eight of the Nine Sample Ceremonies have additional sample Convocation Paragraphs. The first ten samples listed below also come from those first Eight Sample Ceremonies.

You can select more than one numbered paragraph, mix and match, change the words – the choice is 100% yours. These are just ideas and samples.

Convocation - 1.

You are together as companions and soul mates; to be silly, to be serious, and to enjoy all of life.

Convocation - 2.

It is fitting to speak about love. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Convocation - 3.

There is an art to marriage. This art asks that we pay attention to the little things as well as the big ones that are part of the closeness of marriage. It reminds us to never grow too old to hold hands. It encourages us, at least once each day, to say "I love you."

In so much as it is possible, develop the capacity to forgive and forget and heal quarrels as they happen so you do not close a day together angry. Your courtship should not stop when your honeymoon ends.

Use care that you do not take each other for granted, and remember to speak words of appreciation and to demonstrate your gratitude in thoughtful, loving ways.

Convocation - 4.

It is important to have a mutual sense of values and common objectives so that you stand together as you work through the world and do things for each other, not out of a sense of duty or obligation, but in the spirit of joy. Give each other room to grow and cultivate flexibility, patience, understanding, and a sense of humor in your relationship.

Convocation - 5.

In marriage, you can depend upon the other for the support you need as you grow because you are saying not only "I love you today" but also, "I promise to love you tomorrow, the next day, and always." Remember that your marriage is not just for two people. Use your marriage to form a wide circle of love that gathers in your families and the child/children who is/are already a part of your lives.

Convocation - 6.

Find room for spiritual quests and make your search for the good and the beautiful a common one. Make yours a relationship in which the independence is equal, the dependence is mutual, and the obligation is reciprocal. A good marriage evolves when two distinct souls face life's joys and its sorrows not in unison, but in harmony.

Convocation - 7.

Bde and Grm, you have gathered here today with family and friends for the purpose of entering into a life-long relationship. The path of life which you now plan to travel together will undoubtedly be marked not only by times of prosperity, success, and happiness, but also by times of

tribulation. For your marriage to endure, you must be bound together by mutual love and respect. You must have faith and confidence in one another, and you must both be tolerant and understanding of the human frailties and faults to which you, as all of us, are subject.

Convocation - 8.

Gm and Bde, remember to treat yourself and each other with respect, and to remind yourself often of what brought you together today. Give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness and kindness that your marriage deserves. And if each of you will take responsibility for the quality of your life together, it will be marked by abundance and delight.

Convocation - 9.

In the long history of mankind we have never discovered a better way of life than sharing it together in love in a lasting and responsible way. This arrangement meets our deepest human needs for love and companionship, for someone with whom we can share in an intimate and trusting way all the hopes, and joys, and dreams of life. But real love is something beyond the warmth and glow, the excitement and romance of being deeply in love. It is caring as much about the welfare and happiness of your partner as about your own. Real love is not total absorption in each other, it is looking outward in the same direction together. Love makes burdens lighter because you divide them. It makes joys more intense because you share them. It makes you stronger, so you can be involved with life in ways that are not possible alone.

Convocation - 10.

Gm and Bde, as the two of you enter into this marriage uniting you as husband and wife, and as you affirm your faith and love for one another, I would ask that you always remember to cherish each other as special and unique individuals, that you respect the thoughts, ideas, and suggestions of one another. Be able to forgive, do not hold grudges, and live each day so that you may share it together. From this day forward you shall be each other's home, comfort, and refuge. Your marriage will be strengthened by your love and respect.

The above ten paragraphs are also in one of the first Eight of the Nine Ceremony Samples.

The following Paragraphs are not in one of the Nine Sample Ceremonies.

Convocation - 11.

Family and Friends,

We are gathered today to unite Grm and Bde in marriage. This celebration is but an outward sign of an inward union of heart, mind and spirit. This is a celebration of the joining of two souls already attuned to each other. When such a true bond already exists between a man and a woman, it is fitting that an outer acknowledgement should be made. We are here to bear witness to the entry into the closer relationship of husband and wife of these beloved friends who are already one spirit.

Convocation - 12.

Grm and Bde, it is this day you take a giant step of courage and commitment to love, understand and grow. When a commitment this strong is made by two people, the force of the commitment, of that love, of that courage, reaches out and touches all of us around you, so that our lives are changed and we share a part of your love. Like a stone dropped in a still pond, the ripples of the love from this celebration extend and change the world we live in.

Convocation - 13.

You are now taking into your care and keeping the happiness of the one person in all of the world whom you love best. You are adding to your life not only the affection of each other but also the companionship and blessing of a deep trust as well. You are agreeing to share strength, to share responsibilities, and to share love.

Convocation - 14.

The Magnitude of Love

Nothing in your life is more important than the love you feel, need, or receive. No accomplishment however celebrated or rewarded can ever

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match it. No tragedy will ever utterly displace it; no adventure, no matter how grand or captivating, will ever equal its immense power in your life.

Love will be tougher than all the ridiculous and challenging demands of responsible adulthood, greater than all the heartrending sorrows and unredressed wounds, more powerful than the disappointments of daily life. For love is bigger than sorrow and longer than time. Love is larger than life.

Convocation - 15.

Marriage is a supreme sharing of experience, and an adventure in the most intimate of human relationships. It is the joyous union of two people whose comradeship and mutual understanding have flowered in romance. Today Grm and Bde proclaim their love and commitment to the world, and we gather here to rejoice, with and for them, in the new life they now undertake together.

Convocation - 16.

The joy we feel now is a solemn joy, because the act of marriage has many consequences, both social and personal. Marriage requires "love," a word we often use with vagueness and sentimentality. We may assume that love is some rare and mystical event, when in fact it is our natural state of being.

So what do we mean by love? When we love, we see things other people do not see. We see beneath the surface, to the qualities that make our beloved special and unique. To see with loving eyes, is to know inner beauty. And to be loved is to be seen, and known, as we are known to no other. One, who loves us, gives us a unique gift: a piece of ourselves, but a piece that only they could give us.

We who love, can look at each other's life and say, "I touched his life," or, "I touched her life," just as an artist might say, "I touched this canvas." "Those brushstrokes in the corner of this magnificent mural, those are mine. I was a part of this life, and it is a part of me." Marriage is to belong to each other through a unique and diverse collaboration, like

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two threads crossing in different directions, yet weaving one tapestry together.

The secret of love and marriage is the emergence of the larger self. It is the finding of one's life by blending it with that of another. Such is the privilege of husband and wife - to be each himself, herself and yet another; to face the world strong, with the courage of two.

To make this relationship work, therefore, takes more than love. It takes trust, to know in your hearts that you want only the best for each other. It takes dedication, to stay open to one another, to learn and grow, even when it is difficult to do so. And it takes faith, to go forward together without knowing what the future holds for you both. While love is our natural state of being, these other qualities are not as easy to come by. They are not a destination, but a journey.

The true art of married life is in this an inner spiritual journey. It is a mutual enrichment, a give and take between two personalities, a mingling of two endowments, which diminishes neither, but enhances both.

Convocation - 17. A Religious Convocation

Dearly Beloved,

We are assembled here in the presence of God, to join Grm and Bde, in holy marriage; which is instituted of God, regulated by His commandments, blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and to be held in honor among all men. Let us therefore reverently remember that God has established and sanctified marriage, for the welfare and happiness of mankind. Our Savior has declared that a man shall leave his father and his mother and cleave unto his wife.

By His apostles, He has instructed those who enter into this relation to cherish a mutual esteem and love; to bear with each other's infirmities and weaknesses; and to comfort each other in sickness, trouble, and sorrow; in honesty and industry to provide for each other, and for their household, in temporal things; to pray for and encourage each other in

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things which pertain to God; and to live together as the heirs of the grace of life.

Convocation - 18.

Allow your love for each other to grow as you grow. Remember, when you love someone, you do not love them all the time, in exactly the same way, from moment to moment. That is impossible. It is even a disservice to pretend it is possible. Yet that is what most of us demand. We have such little faith in the ebb and flow of life and of love and of relationships.

We leap forward at the flow of the tide and resist in terror its ebb, for we are afraid it will never return. We insist on permanence, on duration, on continuity. But the only continuity possible in life, as in love, is in growth, in fluidity and in freedom, as dancers are free, barely touching as they pass, but partners in creating the same pattern.

Convocation - 19.

We are here today because Grm and Bde have decided to commit themselves to one another as husband and wife. They have shared their lives together, and during this time, they have thought frequently about the meaning of commitment. Our ceremony today was chosen by the Bride and Groom. As I speak, I speak for them. I speak their thoughts and feelings on what it means to be committed to one another for life as husband and wife.

Throughout our lives, we commit ourselves to various careers, ideas and beliefs. One of the deepest commitments we can make as human beings is to our spouse, our partner in life. When you examine the essence of commitment, you come to realize that there can be no commitment without there first being a choice. An ongoing commitment such as marriage therefore requires a continuous choice made by the husband and wife. When we commit ourselves to marriage, we commit ourselves to making the right choices. We commit ourselves to choose compromise over controversy and partner over self. We commit

ourselves to choose the same path at every crossroads. We commit ourselves to choose giving over our expectation to receive.

When we begin a new marriage, we fully expect that the marriage will flourish and continue to grow. As we all know, sometimes this happens, and sometimes it does not. The difference is made by the daily gifts that one partner chooses to give the other. We need to constantly bestow upon our partners the gifts that make a marriage successful, because without this close attention, even the most beautiful flower will fade. Like painters, we decide what kind of relationship we want to paint for ourselves.

Each stroke can either add or subtract from the overall beauty of our lives. Our Bride and Groom have spent years painting a very beautiful relationship together. They want to create the same kind of marriage – one filled with the greatest gifts they can give one another.

They choose to give:

The gift of Respect, so that each partner can continue to feel confident about their role as a good spouse.

The gift of Dedication, so that the atmosphere in their home is one of constant effort to try hard for each other, and for themselves.

The gift of Loyalty, so that doubts cannot cause them to withhold their expression of their emotions.

The gift of Support, for they know there will be times when they will both need it from one another.

The gift of Companionship, because life is just better with two.

The gift of Communication, because they are two separate minds trying to lead one life.

The gift of Honor, as recognition for how hard they try, and how much they have grown.

And the gift of Love, because they feel it, and it is all they need.

Convocation - 20. The Defining of a Marriage

Grm and Bde are about to pledge themselves to each other with vows. When they vow to love, honor, comfort, and cherish each other, they are giving a real and thoughtful promise, not a casual “I do.” They have consulted Webster’s dictionary to ensure that when they make their vows they are entering into them with the full knowledge of all they promise.

When they say “to love,” they are promising not just a physical love or an intellectual love, or an emotional love, but an intertwined combination of all three.

When they say “to honor,” they are promising to have respect and esteem for each other. To not only recognize the ways in which they are equal, but to hold up and to recognize the strength that each of them possesses that makes them great in each other’s eyes.

When they say “to comfort,” they are pledging to ease the grief or trouble of each other in times of trial. To put aside their own concerns when the other is in need of their support. They also promise to give strength and hope to each other even when both are in pain and in doing so lift each other from the dark.

When they say “to cherish,” they are promising to have and to cultivate great affection for each other, and to harbor in their minds, deeply and resolutely, the thoughts they have of each other. To hold each other in a special part of the memory, where they are apart from the other relationships and encounters in their lives, and, while recognizing

the conflicts, not dwelling on those, but nourishing instead the memories of joy and comfort.

So as we proceed with this ceremony contemplate these sentiments and hold them in your heart.

Convocation - 21.

Marriage is the promise of hope between two people who love each other, who trust that love, and who wish to share the future together. It enables two separate people to share their desires, longings, dreams and memories, and to help each other through their uncertainties. It provides the encouragement to risk more and thus to gain more. We are here tonight as Grm and Bde's friends and family to recognize and affirm their relationship as they begin their married life.

Convocation - 22.

Our hopes and prayers today are that yours will be a marriage cemented by mutual desire for a common, loving home; sustained by caring but forthright communication; fortified by a spirit of trust and patience that will help you to appreciate and to treasure the differences in your backgrounds, your temperaments, and your tastes. And while we hope that you will always remember the common qualities and shared interests that attracted and drew you toward each other initially - [ready laugh and quirky sense of humor, enjoyment of dance and discussion - enter your own attributes here] - we also hope you will discover in your differences the opportunity for new understanding and further growth.

Convocation - 23.

For two people coming together in alignment with their beliefs and faiths, willing to share and create a common future; marriage is not a ceremony but an ongoing commitment and a process. Each day for the rest of your lives you will make choices. You will choose whether to be kind and patient with each other. You will choose whether to find fault or whether to be forgiving. It is only through that commitment that you can

discover true intimacy in which the hidden parts of yourselves are permitted to come forth, find acceptance, and help you become whole.

Convocation - 24.

Marriage is a sacred agreement to love and support each other to the best of our ability and to use the relationship as a means for changing and healing our individual barriers to love. Marriage requires that both people in the relationship work to help each other learn, grow and prosper.

Marriage teaches us to be more responsible for what we think and feel, say and do, and the level of awareness and willingness each person brings goes a long way toward making the relationship work. It is about learning to become less self-centered in ways that we could never have seen before. And mostly, it's about looking at the big picture and realizing that arguments and conflicts pale in comparison to the deep and true love we discover as we move through life and confront its challenges together as husband and wife.

Not only does marriage take patience and understanding, it takes time and work. Each person must be completely honest and willing to open up their private worlds to each other. It requires continuous communication, lest a disconnect or distancing begin, which can be very difficult to undo.

Marriage takes the willingness to be wrong a lot of the time even though your ego would insist that you are right, but reason tells you differently. And it takes a willingness to risk the bruising of your own ego in favor of surrender to the greater Self that both partners in the relationship have agreed to discover together.

We need to recognize, as often as we can, how precious and unique our chosen partner is. Within each of us, there is an inherent quality that can be discovered by seeing it in the other person, despite what the other is saying or doing. The sheer pain and frustration from conflicts that

arise in a marriage relationship can serve as the perfect motivation for turning inward to accessing the help of our inner connection with each other and find the invisible strength and sanity within the middle of our minds. This inner strength, universal to us all understands our need for healing and can take our misperceptions, our anger, our guilt and frustrations and transform them into sane and healed perceptions of our partner. This way each partner learns to release the past and join in mutual love and respect.

Convocation - 25.

Today we are gathered together to witness the joining together of Bde and Grm in marriage. Marriage is a beautiful relationship between two people. It is a union founded on love.

A poet once put it this way:

Suddenly there's no more mystery
It feels like you're the other half of me
We've only just begun
Our two hearts beat as one.

Convocation - 26

Grm and Bde, in presenting yourselves here today to be joined in marriage, you perform an act of faith. This faith can grow and develop and last, but only if you both decide to make it so. A lasting and growing love is not guaranteed by any ritual.

If you would have the foundation of your marriage be the devotion you have for one another, not just at this moment, but for all the days to come, then treasure the hopes and dreams that you bring here today. Establish that your love will never be blotted out by the common nor obscured by the ordinary in life. Faults will surface where now you find comfort, and admiration can be shattered by the routine of daily life.

Dedication, love, and joy can grow only when you nourish them together. Stand fast in that hope and confidence, having faith in your shared destiny just as strongly as you have faith in yourselves and in one another today. Only with this spirit can you forge a union that will strengthen and endure all the days of your lives.

Convocation – 27. Relationship in a Nutshell

Bde and Grm have both experienced how relationships fail and have learned how they can succeed.

Relationship in a nutshell:

It is not marriage, nor any other formality, that creates or defines a relationship.

The relationship has to exist first and foremost.

There are no magic bullets, secret sauces or magic potions.

It is up to both people to succeed.

To maintain a relationship past the “honeymoon” takes an investment in each other.

This investment is very rewarding, but it is hard work to suppress our ‘fight or flight’ instincts. We need to stand our ground together and work together to overcome issues and work through problems.

We must grasp that we have one life. We can choose to share it, or we can live it alone in secret, where we are safe from judgment and criticism.

The rewards in a relationship come from sharing lives, being prepared to bring the secret, private feelings into the light of the relationship.

It is trust.

Trust that we can open our hearts and minds, share our innermost secrets, thoughts and dreams, and that we will both seek to understand and accept each other.

Trust that we will not judge nor criticize harshly or unfairly.

Trust that we have each other's best interests at heart.

It is a commitment to making each other's lives rich, full, fun, happy, exciting; supporting each other's dreams and aspirations, stretching beyond our limits and fears, accepting that each of us has both dreams and fears, and that is ok to have those.

Convocation 28. A Religious Opening and Prayer.

Opening Prayer

We are gathered here in the presence of God, family and friends to unite Bde and Grm in holy matrimony. Marriage is an honorable estate, and is therefore not to be entered into lightly, but reverently, advisedly, soberly and with God's blessing. Today, they will receive God's greatest gift; another person to share with, grow with, change with, be joyful with and to stand with as one when trials and tribulations enter their lives. It is fitting, therefore, that we should on this occasion begin by asking for God's blessing on this marriage.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we gather to celebrate your gift of love, and its presence among us. We rejoice that these two people have chosen to commit themselves to a life of loving faithfulness to one another. We praise you, Lord, for the ways you have touched our lives with loving relationships such as Grm and Bde's, and we give thanks for the special love and friendship you have put in their hearts. Renew within us an

affectionate and loving spirit. Enrich our lives with the gracious gift of your love so that we may embrace others with that same love. May our participation in this celebration of love and commitment, give to us a new joy and responsiveness to the relationships that we cherish. In your loving arms we pray, Amen.

To Guests: Please be seated.

Definition of Commitment

Marriage is a joyous occasion. It is connected in our thoughts with the charm of love, the warmth of home, and with all that is pleasant, as being one of the most important events of our lives. Its sacredness and unity is the most significant and binding covenant known in human relations.

Gm and Bde, let me charge you both to remember that your future happiness is to be in mutual consideration, patience, kindness, confidence and affection. It is the duty of each of you to find your greatest joy in the company of the other; to remember that your love pledged today must remain undivided for a lifetime.

It is your duty, Gm, to be to Bde, a considerate, tender, faithful, and loving husband: to support, guide and cherish her in prosperity and trouble; to thoughtfully and carefully enlarge the place she holds in your life; to constantly show to her the tokens of your affection, to shelter her from danger, and to love her with an unchangeable love.

It is your duty, Bde, to be to Gm, a considerate, tender, faithful, and loving wife; to comfort, guide and cherish him in prosperity and trouble; to give to him the unfailing evidences of your affection; to continue making the place he holds in your heart, broader and deeper; to support him, value him and work with him to make your marriage the very best that it can be.

I call your attention to the seriousness of the decision that you have made and the covenant you are about to declare before God. The vows

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you are about to take are not to be taken without careful thought, for in them you are committing yourselves exclusively to one another for as long as you both shall live.

Convocation 29. Creating a Sacred Union.

In your new union, each of your hearts will be a home for the other. Each of your souls will be a source of refuge and peace for the other. You can now turn to each other when you feel vulnerable. You can call out to each other when the way is not clear. Each of you will now make the other whole and complete. With the words that you now say, you pledge your lives to each other in a way that will create a sacred union.

Convocation 30. First Corinthians – The Meaning of Love

Marriage is obviously all about love. But what is love?

In first Corinthians, the Bible says:

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

Now, you've probably heard that verse before. But what does it mean?

It means that love is not a feeling – it's not something you can fall into and out of on a whim. Love is a commitment. It is a deliberate decision to do loving things. It's a deliberate decision to be patient and kind. It's a deliberate decision not to be envious, boastful, proud, rude, or self-seeking. It's a deliberate decision not to be easily angered, not to remember past wrongs, and to protect, trust, hope, and persevere for each

other. Love doesn't just happen, and I assure you, it can be hard work at times.

It's that commitment, and that deliberate decision, that you're making here today. So, as you continue your journey together, I ask you to remember these simple words of advice:

- Let your love be stronger than your anger.
- Learn the wisdom of compromise - it is far better to bend than to break.
- Confide in each other and ask for help when you need it.
- Always be best friends.
- Never take each other for granted, and most importantly
- Remember to be in love every day.

Convocation 31. U. S. Supreme Court on Marriage

No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were.

Justice Anthony Kennedy June 26th 2015

Convocation 32. Fell in Love by chance

Bde and Grm, you fell in love by chance, but you're here today because you're making a choice. You both are choosing each other. You've chosen to be with someone who enhances you, who makes you think, makes you smile, and makes every day brighter.

You're about to make promises to each other that you intend to keep. You're going to vow to take care of each other, to stand up for one another, and find happiness in the other. There's a simple premise to each of these promises: you're vowing to be there. You're teaming up and

saying to the other, "Every experience I am going to have, I want you to be a part of."

Convocation 33. Love is a Story

Today is a celebration. A celebration of love, of commitment, of friendship, of family, and of two people who are in it for forever.

You don't have to have a ceremony to have a marriage. And when you think about it, the whole thing is kind of weird, right?

You're standing on in front of a lot of people, looking fancy, holding flowers, and being stared at by pretty much everyone who has meant anything to you.

So why do we do it? The marriage ceremony has been an important feature across nearly every culture, religion, generation, and society. We have thousands of important moments that happen throughout our lives, but this one is regarded as one so critical, we acknowledge its special status by sharing it with others.

Why this moment? Because despite all of our differences, love is what we all share. It's the great unifier - our one universal truth. That no matter who we are, where we've come from, what we believe, we know this one thing: love is what we're doing right.

That's why you are both standing here. And that's why you all are here to watch them stand up here. We have all loved in our lifetimes, and in this moment, we're reminded that the ability to love is the very best part of our humanity. All of us here today have our own love stories. Some are short, others long. Some are yet unwritten, while others are just getting to the good part. There are chapters in all of our stories that are sad or disappointing - and others that are exciting and full of adventure.

Like in Grm and Bde's case ... look at what can happen when you
Describe how the couple first met ... Pause

And that brings them here, a time to pause, look back, and smile at all the moments that brought them here. And a time to look ahead to all the moments that are still to come. I'm here - we're all here - because we want those moments for you.

We're here to hope with you, to support you, to be proud of you, and to remind you that love isn't happily ever after, love is the experience of writing your story. It's not one moment - not even this moment. It's every moment.

Big ones like saying "I love you," moving in together, getting engaged - but mostly a million little ones that come in between the big moments.

Falling asleep next to one another, making dinner together, spending holidays with your families, getting a big hug when you get home from work ...

These everyday moments fuse together into one big experience. And even though this experience is so incredible, words fail us when we try and explain it. That's just the way it is with love - it's meant to be felt, not described.

But trying to describe love is one of our favorite pastimes. We use the words we have to write stories, and poems, and songs about love.

And even though we describe love in different ways - and even though love can look different from one person to the next - we all know it when we see it.

And we see it here.

Convocation 34. Bumpy Road Together

Remember that you are unique and different from one another. Give your love openly and honestly. Do not try to change each other, for your differences are what brought you together. Always accept and respect what the other has to say - and even if you do not agree, take time to understand the other's feelings and opinions. And remember that each day is a new beginning. If the air becomes too close, make a little space so each can breathe. When the path is too narrow, pick one of you to go first. Be willing to follow and never be afraid to lead. Maintain your capacity for wonder, spontaneity, humor, and sensitivity. Trust your partner and trust yourself - for a marriage is a journey that leads to greater love.

There will certainly be ups and downs, but you are committed to travel that bumpy road together. In a marriage, you're promising to care about everything. The good things, the bad things, the terrible things, the mundane things ... all of it, all of the time, every day. You're saying "Your life will not go unnoticed because I will notice it. Your life will not go unwitnessed because I will be your witness." You are promising to watch over and care for one another all throughout your lives.

Convocation 35. Cherish this bond

Cherish this bond. Start each day with gratitude and compassion for each other, and unconditional love will follow. Believe in each other; support each other's dreams. Remember to dream together too! Always give more than you think the other needs. Say "I love you" and "Thank you" every day.

Trust, respect and appreciate each other. Be spontaneous, have fun! Stand together, but let there be space in your togetherness. Know when to listen and when to talk. Apologize. Forgive and forget. Work together. Play together. With each passing year, you will grow closer together,

drawing strength from one another. You will be blessed with the greatest happiness in life, to love and be loved.

Convocation 36. A Storey not yet told

Bde and Grm,

Today you enter as individuals, but you will leave here as husband and wife, blending your lives, expanding your family ties, and embarking upon the grandest adventure of human interaction. The story of your life together is still yours to write. All those present have come to witness and celebrate your love and commitment this day - eager to be a part of the story not yet told.

Convocation 37. Some Sample words

Sample 37-A.

May you have the hindsight to know where you've been,
the foresight to know where you're going,
and the insight to know when you're going too far.

Sample 37-B.

This library is always an unfinished project – to be continued.