

## **Joining Hands**

Just before the vows Judge Armstrong asks the couple to join hands. They face each other and hold both hands.

Grm and Bde, please join hands

and give your vows.

and give the vows that will forever join you.

as a sign of your two lives merging.

as you enter into the covenant of Marriage.

and give the vows that honor your gift of love to each other.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.  
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

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Grm and Bde, please join hands, so you may feel the gift that you are to one another.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.  
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on your wedding day as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow and forever.

These are the hands that will work alongside yours as together you build your future.

These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch will comfort you like no other.

These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief wracks your mind.

These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes, tears of sorrow and tears of joy.

These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children.

These are the hands that will help you to hold your family as one.

These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it.

And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.

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**Another version with the blessing of the hands.**

### **Blessing of the Hands**

Grm and Bde, please join hands now, so you may see the gift that they are to you.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

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These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future.

These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch, will comfort you like no other.

These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind.

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God, bless these hands that you see before you this day. May they always be held by one another. Give them the strength to hold on during the storms of stress and the dark of disillusionment. Keep them tender and gentle as they nurture each other in their wondrous love. Help these hands to continue building a relationship founded in your grace, rich in caring, and devoted in reaching for your perfection.

May Grm and Bde see their four hands as healer, protector, shelter and guide.