



The Hands of Matrimony

Ladies, take your future husband's hands and look at them.

These are the hands, strong and vibrant with love that will hold your hands on your wedding day as he will promise to love you all the days of his life.

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

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

These are the hands that will caress your body throughout the years, to make the wonder of love come alive for you.

These are the hands that will tenderly lift your chin and brush your cheek as they raise your face so that you can look into his eyes...eyes that are completely filled with his overwhelming love and desire for you.

Gentlemen, take your future wife's hands and look at them.

These are the hands that will hold yours as she gives her pledge to love and accept your ring on your wedding day.

These are the hands that will massage tension from your neck and your back after you have had a hard day.

These are the hands that through the years will caress you in the passion of love.

These are the hands that will hold yours against her stomach with joy and expectancy as you feel your baby kick for the first time.

These are the hands that may be wrenched with anguish as you face the possibility of never having your own child, or sick with worry over a child's illness.

These are the hands that will hold your face and wipe tears from your eyes in wonder and awe that you would cry for her.

Dear couples, these are the hands of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

These four hands are your armor and shield against the evils of the world. These are the hands that will reach out to teenagers, bring hope to the lonely, teach the engaged the wonders of married love, heal the abused and hurting children of God's world.

These four hands are God's plan for renewing his Church.

These are the hands that will change the world.

Those whose steps are guided by the LORD, whose way God approves, may stumble, but they will never fall, for the LORD holds their hand. Psalm 37:23-24