

Greeting:

Few things in this world are as important as raising children. In every age, every era, every time and place, children are our treasures, our future, our immortality—the vital link in the chain of humanity. It has been written : "A child is Gods opinion that the world should go on"

Is there anything in life that gives us more hope than the birth of a child?

Is there anything that motivates a parent more to live-to push on than his or her child?

Baby was born to Partner 1 and Partner 2 on..., forever sharing their anniversary, and a day of celebration.

Each of you present today have unique gifts and offerings we hope that you will share with this child. It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. Look around you. You are looking at Everett's village.

Today we will bless Everett and welcome him into our village. There is one thing that we are certain of: the more love this child receives; the more he will be able to give love to others.

Sibling:

Not only has **Baby** been given the gift of such a loving family and village, but he have also been blessed with an older Sister; . Siblings are one of life's greatest treasures they will be the record keepers of one another's most precious memories. As brother and sister they will have a special unconditional love that sets them apart from anyone else.

Partners would like to take this moment to acknowledge **Sibling** and say how much they love her and how thankful they are that **Baby** has her as his sister.

Invocation (an Irish baby blessing):

May all the blessings of our Lord touch your life today.

May He send His little angels to protect you on your way.

Such a miraculous gift, sent from above.

Someone so precious to cherish and love.

May sunshine and moonbeams dance over your head.

As you quietly slumber in your bed.

May good luck be with you wherever you go.

And your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow.

Godparents Promise:

Children need many resources of support and for this reason we have the tradition of appointing Godparents. These chosen people will have a special life long relationship with this child.

I would like to invite **Grandparents** to please come forward.

Parents have asked you to take on the role of Godparents to **Baby**.

To be a Godparent is a great honor and responsibility. They have chosen you with great consideration and care. They trust you and hold you in the highest regard.

As Godparents to **Baby** will you promise to love her unconditionally, be his friend, and inspire him, share yourselves with him? Will you nourish his soul and allow him to dream great dreams, help him to discover his own true self and let him know that he is never alone?

Godparents: We will

Officiant to Godparents: May you always be aware of the joy that you bring to this child and this family by taking on this special role.

Blessing:

Water is nature's greatest element; in all the stories of creation water is the symbol of life. Water is infinite; it touches every shore, nourishing all people. It's always in motion, taking on new forms - representing the great flow of life. It is a symbol of purity, clarity, reflection, wisdom and transition. It refreshes us, cleanses us and rejuvenates us.

We will now use this gift of water to bless this child:

(Officiant sprinkles water over the child's head)

I baptize you **Baby** as a child of God, a child of light and a child of humanity

Closing Prayer:

Everett, May you be blessed with the strength to face challenges with confidence..

Along with the wisdom to choose your battles carefully...

May you experience adventure on your journey and may you always stop to help someone along the way...

Listen to your heart and take risks carefully...

And always remember how much you are loved...

Closing words:

Thank you all for being with us today to bless and welcome Everett. Let the memory of this day fill us with love and family.