



## *Handfasting Ceremony Script*

**Officiant:** The couple will be celebrating today with an ancient handfasting ritual. I ask that [Partner 1] and [Partner 2] please join their hands, left hand to left hand, and right hand to right hand, forming the symbol for infinity.

I will now ask [FAMILY MEMBER'S NAME] to present the first cord representing 's side of the family.

The color was chosen by the couple to represent \_\_\_\_\_ in their marriage together. The [FAMILY NAME] welcomes their new son-in-law/daughter-in-law to the family with perfect love.

I will now ask [FAMILY MEMBER'S NAME] to present the second cord representing [Partner 2's] side of the family. The color was chosen by the couple to represent \_\_\_\_\_ in their marriage together. The [FAMILY NAME] welcomes their new son-in-law/daughter-in-law to the family with perfect love.

*[Each of the two chosen family members presents their cord to the couple one at a time as the officiant calls their names, and drapes their cord over the couple's clasped hands.]*

**Officiant:** Finally, the couple has chosen a third cord in the color of \_\_\_\_\_ to represent \_\_\_\_\_ in their new life together.

**Officiant:** I will bind these cords now, as we all wish blessings upon the couple and their union made this day. Tying these cords means that the couple is no longer two separate entities but joined as one, bound together in mutual love.

*[The officiant ties a figure eight knot with the three cords, and the couple remains bound together. The officiant then says these words...]*

**[The Blessing of the 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 fills your mind. These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes; tears of sorrow, and as in today, tears of joy.

These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children, 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."