

Vow of Support – Family and Friends

1.

After the Marriage Vows

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To Family and Friends: Family and Friends, now that you have heard Grm and Bde recite their vows, do you, their family and friends, promise, from this day forward, to encourage them and love them, to give them your guidance, and to support them in being steadfast in the promises that they have made?

If yes, say, "We do."

Congregation: We do.

2.

Before the Marriage Vows

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To Family and Friends: Will you, their parents, families, and friends who have gathered with them, grant them your blessings and pledge them your love and acceptance?

If so, please say "We will."

Congregation: We will.

Having now given freely the voice of your desire to be united in marriage, your families and friends have given their acceptance and approval. I am going to ask you to express your vows to each other.

3.

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To Family and Friends: Family and friends, the marriage of Grm and Bde unites two families and creates a new family. Will you who are gathered here today bless and support their marriage?

If so, please answer “We will.”

Congregation: We will.

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To Family and Friends: Friends and family, you occupy an important place in this couple’s lives. It is in your company that these two have learned the lessons of friendship, of the tremendous act of giving one’s affection to another, and they ask your blessing as well over their marriage. Now that their life is entering a new phase, your role will be different, but not diminished. And so on this, their wedding day, Bde and Grm ask you to remain steadfast, reaching out to them in times of trouble, helping them to celebrate their achievements and their joys. Wherever your own destiny may carry you, we ask that you continue to include them in your lives.

If so, please answer “We will.”

Congregation: We will.

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Two people in love do not live in isolation. Their love is a source of strength with which they may nourish not only each other but also the world around them. And in turn, we, their community of friends and family, have a responsibility to this couple. By our steadfast care, respect, and love, we can support their marriage and the new family they are creating today.

To Family and Friends: Will you who are present here today, surround Grm and Bde in love, offering them the joys of your friendship, and supporting them in their marriage?

If so, please say “We will.”

Congregation: We will.

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