Let me charge you both as you stand in God's presence, to remember that your love and loyalty to God and to each other will serve as the foundation of a happy and enduring home.

Having always love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance in all things.

**Stephen**, it is your duty to love Laura as Christ loves the Church, Support her, provide tender leadership-protect her from all danger.

**Laura** it is your duty to love and obey Stephen and treat him with the greatest respect and create a healthy and happy home.

**Together** it is your duty to find the greatest joy in the company of each other; to remember that in interest and affection, you are to be one and undivided.

The solemn vows which you make must be kept permanently, and you both must steadfastly seek to do the will of God, your life will be full of happiness, and the home which you establish will abide through every change.

**This** covenant which you are making is to be godly, beautiful, joyful and in deep conviction.

Hand in Hand you enter this marriage;

Hand in Hand you step out in faith.

The hand you freely give to each other is a strong and tender part of your body and In the days ahead you will need both strength and tenderness.

Be firm in commitment, don't ever let your grip become weak, and yet, be tenderhearted to make every decision hand in hand:

Always remember, you don't walk this path alone. Before us, behind us, underneath us, all around us are the outstretched arms of the Lord.

It is into his hand, we trust and commit this union of husband and wife. Amen.