

BLESSING OF THE HANDS

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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 tears of joy.

These are the hands that will tenderly hold
your children.

These are 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.