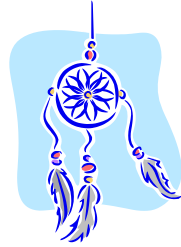


Native American Marriage Blessings



Cherokee Marriage Prayer

God in heaven above, please protect the ones we love.

We honor all that you have created, as we pledge our hearts and lives together.

We honor mother earth, and ask for our marriage to be abundant and to grow stronger through her seasonal changes.

We honor fire, and ask that our union be warm and glowing, always with love in our hearts.

We honor wind, and ask that we sail through life, safe and calm as in our father's arms.

We honor water, to clean and soothe our relationship, that it may never thirst for love.

With all the forces of the universe that you have created, we pray for harmony and happiness as we forever grow young together.

AMEN

Apache Marriage Blessing

Now you will feel no rain,

For each of you will be shelter for the other.

Now you will feel no cold,

For each of you will be warmth for the other.

Now there is no more loneliness,

For each of you will be companion to the other.

Now you are two persons, but there is only one life before you.

Go now to your dwelling place, to enter into the days of your togetherness.

And may your days together be good and long upon the earth.

By the powers of the land, sea and sky, it shall be so.