

The following excerpt gives two examples of poems and verse from the public domain, and contained within the booklets *Poems and Verses for Readings (Books 1 and 2)*. Available for clients only, these are available for borrowing, as couples plan their marriage, commitment or renewing of vows ceremonies, through Nancy Batenburg (www.dreamddancer.com.au) and NT Celebrants (www.ntcelebrants.com.au).

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Bible Reading

St Paul

Love is patient and kind;
Love is not jealous or boastful; It is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; It is not easily angered, It keeps no record of wrongs, but rejoices in the truth. Love always protects, always trusts, Always hopes, love never gives up... Three things remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

C

Cherokee Prayer

God in heaven above, please protect the ones we love.
We honour all you created as we pledge our hearts and lives together.
We honour Mother Earth
and ask for our marriage to be abundant and grow stronger through the seasons;
We honour Fire
and ask that our union be warm and glowing with love in our hearts;
We honour Wind
and ask we sail through life, safe and calm as in our father's arms;
We honour Water
to clean and soothe our relationship, that it may never thirst for love;
With all the forces of the Universe you created,
We pray for harmony and true happiness as we forever grow young together.