

# POEM SUGGESTIONS FOR NAMING CEREMONIES

## IF

### -Unknown

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn  
If children live with hostility, they learn how to fight  
If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy  
If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty  
If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient  
If children live with encouragement, they learn to have confidence  
If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate  
If children live with fairness, they learn justice  
If children live with security, they learn to have faith  
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves  
If children live with love around them, they learn to give love to the world.

## BABY'S NAMING DAY

### -Unknown

...bright as a flower  
Lovely child we welcome you  
Into our world, into our lives  
On this your special naming day.

...happy little spirit.  
Smiling child we wish you joy  
and health and strength and love and peace  
On this your special naming day.

...lively little girl/boy  
Perfect child we send you our blessings  
For a long and happy life, energy and freedom  
On this your special naming day.

...our love goes out to you precious child with eyes so wide  
Waving arms and dancing feet,  
And busy hands which hold so tight  
On this your special naming day.

## **PARENT'S LOVE**

**-Unknown**

A Parent's love is something, that no one can explain  
It is made of deep devotion, and is sacrifice and pain  
It is endless and unselfish, and enduring, come what may  
For nothing can destroy it, or take that love away  
It is patient and forgiving, when all others are forsaking  
And it never fails or falters, even though the heart is breaking  
It believes beyond believing, when the world around condemns  
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems  
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation  
And it still remains a secret, like the mysteries of creation  
A many splendored miracle, man cannot understand  
And special wondrous evidence, of life's tender guiding hand

## **WHY GOD MADE LITTLE BOYS**

**-Unknown**

God made the world out of His dreams  
Of magic mountains, oceans and streams,  
Prairies and plans and wooded land,  
Then paused and thought "I need someone to stand  
On top of mountains, to conquer the seas,  
Explore the plains and climb the trees.

Someone to start out small and to grow,  
Sturdy, strong as a tree..." And so,  
He created boys, full of spirit and fun,  
To explore and conquer, to romp and run.  
With dirty faces and banged up chins,  
With courageous hearts and boyish grins.  
When He had completed the task He'd begun  
He surely said "A job well done".

## **NAMING POEM FOR BOYS**

**-Unknown**

Your Name  
You got it from your Father  
It was all he had to give  
So it's yours to cherish  
As long as you may live

If you lose the watch he gave you  
It can always be replaced  
But a tarnish on your name, Son  
Can never be erased.

It was clean the day you took it  
And a worthy name to bear  
When he got it from his father  
There was no dishonour there

So make sure you guard it wisely  
After all is said and done  
You'll be glad the name is spotless  
When you give it to your Son.

## **A CHILD'S BLESSING**

**-Unknown**

may your life be blessed  
with joy and love  
may angels guide you  
from above

may your heart be kind  
your spirit strong  
to see the good  
and right some wrong

may the world  
be a better place  
because you came  
and shared some space

## **I WISH FOR YOU ONE THING AND THAT IS LOVE**

**-William Byrd**

I wish for you one thing, and that is love  
Love for life, and pure, unfettered joy  
At being here on this vivid earth.

May pleasure come from giving pleasure,  
And love that streams out of your burning heart  
Light the darkened world and make it bloom.

I wish you to be loved both well and long  
By all those whom you love; that these be many,  
Among whom, not least, might be yourself.

May you love the beautiful and good,  
And always act with honesty and justice,  
Being what you would that others be.

But most of all, I wish for you a love  
Into which your love might plunge and drown,  
An ocean in which you might live and breathe.

## EXTRACT FROM "OH THE PLACES YOU'LL GO"

-Dr Seuss

Congratulations!  
Today is your day.  
You're off to Great Places!  
You're off and away!

You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself  
any direction you choose.

You're on your own. And you know what you know.  
And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go.  
You'll look up and down streets. Look 'em over with care.  
About some you will say, "I don't choose to go there."

With your head full of brains and your shoes full of feet,  
you're too smart to go down any not-so-good street.  
And you may not find any  
you'll want to go down.

In that case, of course,  
you'll head straight out of town.  
It's opener there  
in the wide open air.

Out there things can happen  
and frequently do  
to people as brainy  
and footsy as you.

And when things start to happen,  
don't worry. Don't stew.  
Just go right along.  
You'll start happening too.

OH! THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

You'll get mixed up, of course,  
as you already know.  
You'll get mixed up  
with many strange birds as you go.

So be sure when you step.  
Step with care and great tact  
and remember that Life's  
a Great Balancing Act.

Just never forget to be dexterous and deft.  
And never mix up your right foot with your left.  
And will you succeed?  
Yes! You will, indeed!  
(98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.)

KID, YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!

So...

be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray  
or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea,  
You're off to Great Places!  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting.  
So ... get on your way!

## **A MOTHERS WISH**

**-Unknown**

I hope my child looks back on today  
And sees a parent who had time to play  
There will be years for cleaning and cooking  
But children grow up when you're not looking  
So settle down, cobwebs, dust, go to sleep  
I'm cuddling my baby, and babies don't keep

## **LOVE YOU MORE**

**-James Carter**

Do I love you  
to the moon and back?  
No I love you  
more than that

I love you to the desert sands  
the mountains, stars  
the planets and  
I love you to the deepest sea  
and deeper still  
through history

Before beyond I love you then  
I love you now  
I'll love you when  
The sun's gone out  
the moon's gone home  
and all the stars are fully grown

When I no longer say these words  
I'll give them to the wind, the birds  
so that they will still be heard  
I love you

## **BABY BOY**

### **-Unknown**

A gift of love  
An absolute joy.  
Brings you this  
Beautiful baby boy.

Two people as one  
Created a son.  
To cherish  
For evermore.

Take care of this boy  
He's precious and new  
And has been left in the  
Care and protection of you.

## **POEM**

### **-Bob Dylan**

May God bless and keep you always,  
May your wishes all come true,  
May you always do for others  
And let others do for you.

May you build a ladder to the stars  
And climb on every rung,  
May you stay forever young,  
Forever young, forever young,  
May you stay forever young.

May you grow up to be righteous,  
May you grow up to be true,  
May you always know the truth  
And see the lights surrounding you.

May you always be courageous,  
Stand upright and be strong,  
May you stay forever young,  
Forever young, forever young,  
May you stay forever young.

May your hands always be busy,  
May your feet always be swift,  
May you have a strong foundation  
When the winds of changes shift.

May your heart always be joyful,  
May your song always be sung,  
May you stay forever young,  
Forever young, forever young,  
May you stay forever young.

## **SMALL AND SWEET**

**-Shauna Scott**

My Little Girl so small and sweet,  
Those tiny hands and tiny feet.  
Everyday I watch you grow,  
You teach me everything I know.

Such a joy to be around,  
Every smile and every sound.  
Number one you will stay,  
Each and every single day.

You changed my life in such good ways,  
'Thank You' is all that I can say.  
I love to watch you sleep at night,  
Cuddled warm and wrapped up tight.

As I blink the time it flies,  
It breaks my heart to see you cry.  
I gave you life, so proud to say,  
I'll love you more with every day.

My little Girl so small and sweet,  
For you my heart, It beats and beats.

## **BRAND NEW LITTLE SON/DAUGHTER**

**-Unknown**

He's/She's your brand new little son/daughter,  
So enchanted sweet and smart.  
With a coo, he'll/she'll have you smiling,  
With a laugh, he'll/she'll own your heart.

It's a time for hugs and kisses,  
Reassurance when he/she cries.  
It's a time for making moments  
Full of love and lullabies.

For these golden days of childhood  
Come and go so very fast –  
Hold him/her tight and love him/her dearly  
Make these precious moments last.

## **EXAMPLE OF PARENTHOOD**

### **-Unknown**

There are little eyes upon you and they're watching night and day  
There are little ears that quickly take in everything you say  
There are little hands all eager to do everything you do  
And a little boy/girl who's dreaming of the day he'll/she'll be like you.  
You're the little fellow's/lady's idol, you're the wisest of the wise  
In his/her little mind about you no suspicions ever rise  
There's a wide-eyed little fellow/lady who believes you're always right  
And his/her ears are always open and he/she watches day and night.  
You are setting an example every day in all you do  
For the little boy/girl who's waiting to grow up to be like you.

## **MY LITTLE GIRL**

### **-Meghann E. Matri**

Ten tiny fingers,  
Ten tiny toes,  
Two little eyes,  
And one little nose.

A beautiful smile  
Curly blonde hair  
A perfect angel  
Just standing there

A blank slate  
For me to mould  
A little girl  
For me to hold

She watches my every move  
Sure not to miss a beat  
I can't believe I am a mom  
It's different, but neat

My hero, my saviour  
My own little me  
The love of my life

It's hard to believe  
An unbreakable bond  
Between her and I  
No limit to love  
When it reaches the sky



## **MOTHER OF TWINS POEM**

**-Unknown**

There's two to wash, there's two to dry;  
There's two who argue; there's two who cry.

One's in the mud, having a ball;  
The other holds a crayon...another marked wall.

Some days seem endless, my patience grows thin.  
Why was I chosen to be a mother of twins?

The answer comes clear – at the end of the day,  
As I tuck them in bed and myself I say...

There's two to kiss, there's two to hug;  
And best of all, there's two to love.

## **WHAT'S IN A NAME**

**-B. Sumner**

What's in a name? It's more than a word  
More than letters and sounds to be spoken and heard  
It leads you back to your roots – to your family of old  
And it speak to the promise your future will hold

What's in a name? It bears the mark of your tribe  
Your belonging, your people, your heritage, your pride  
Let it ground you in life – a sense of family bring  
Let it raise you up mountains and lift you in wings

What's in a name? Such a huge choice to make  
Your label for life – so second chances to take  
It beats all of the feelings of before you were due  
The excitement, the joy and the pride we felt too

What's in a name? So much power it holds  
May it always be spoken with care, never scold  
May it fall softly from lips, not in anger be spoke  
May it resonate with the feelings of joy it evokes

So what's in a name? I could not fully say  
In a minute, an hour or even a day  
But to start I would say it means all the above  
And for always – and forever – it means you are loved

## **REFLECTION OF A FAMILY**

### **-Unknown**

A family is a place to cry and laugh, to vent frustrations,  
to cry for help, to tease and yell,  
to be touched and hugged and smiled at.

A family is people who care when you are sad,  
who love you no matter what, who share your triumphs,  
who don't expect you to be perfect,  
just growing with honesty in your decisions.

A family is a circle where we learn to make good decisions,  
where we learn integrity and table manners, and respect for other people.

Where we are special, where we listen and are listened to.  
Where we learn the rules of life, to prepare ourselves for the world.

The world is a place where anything can happen.  
If we grow up in a loving family, we are ready for the world.

## **Wishes for a Child**

### **-Joanna Miller**

May you now the gift of friendship.  
Feel the sun upon your face.  
May you win displaying dignity.  
And accept defeat with grace.

May you marvel with the wonders.  
Of nature and the earth.  
May you value education.  
And know your own true worth.

May you live and love with honesty.  
And do the thing that's right.  
May you stand up for the homeless.  
And sleep in peace at night.

May you thrive upon a challenge.  
And sing and dance and laugh.  
May you know the joy of parenthood.  
And follow your own path.

## **Wishes on Your Naming Day**

### **-Author Unknown**

I wish you such a happy life  
That's jam-packed full of fun  
Adventures, friendships, laughter, love  
And picnics in the sun.

I wish you a courageous life  
With no dreams left untried  
So that, whichever path you take  
You'll always walk with pride.

I wish you an accomplished life  
That celebrates your wins  
But lets you know the equal joy  
Of simply joining in.

But most of all, I wish for you  
The life that you will choose  
Your name is given, but who you'll be  
Is completely down to you.

## **I Loved You from the Very Start -Author Unknown**

I loved you from the very start,  
You stole my breath, embraced by heart.  
Your life together has just begun,  
You're part of me my little one.

As mother with child, each day I grew,  
My mind was filled with thoughts of you.  
I'd daydream of the things we'd share,  
Like late-night bottles and teddy bears.

Life first steps and skinned knees,  
Like bedtime stories and ABCs.  
I thought of things you'd want to know,  
Like how birds fly and flowers grow.

I thought of lessons I'd need to share,  
Like standing tall and playing fair.  
When I first saw your precious face,  
I prayed your life be touched with grace.

I thanked the angels from above,  
And promised you unending love.  
Each night I lay you down to sleep,  
I gently kiss your head and cheek,  
I would your little finger and toes;  
I memorise your eyes and nose.

I linger at your nursery door,  
Awed each day I love you more.  
Through misty eyes, I dim the light,  
I whisper, "I love you" every night.

I loved you from the very start.  
You stole my breath, embraced my heart.  
As mother and child our journeys begin.  
My heart is yours forever, my little friend.

**I Am Your Parent**  
**-Maryann K. Cusimano**

I am your parent  
You are my child.  
I am your quiet pace  
You are my wild.

I am your calm face  
You are my giggle.  
I am your wait  
You are my wiggle.

I am your dinner  
You are my chocolate cake.  
I am your bedtime  
You are my wide awake.

I am your lullaby  
You are my peekaboo.  
I am your goodnight kiss  
You are my "I love you".