



# A Selection of Poems and Readings for Naming Ceremonies





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## **A MOTHERS WISH**

**Author 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

## **A CHILD'S BLESSING**

**Author 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



## **A CHOSEN CHILD**

**Author Unknown**

You're a chosen child  
You're ours but not by birth.  
But just the same, we feel,  
You're the greatest child on earth!

You're a chosen child,  
Sent down from God above.  
Chosen to fill our home,  
With laughter and with love!

You're a chosen child,  
You've given us so much pleasure.  
Chosen above the rest,  
A precious, priceless treasure!

## **PARENT'S LOVE**

**Author 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



## **ADOPTIONS START IN HEAVEN**

### **Author Unknown**

God plans adoptions in heaven  
And he searches the world....you see,  
For people who long to be parents,  
People like daddy and me.

Then, in his own time, he answers,  
They prayer they've been praying so long,  
And he finds a child who is waiting,  
To fill their lives with a song!

You are the child who we prayed for,  
So special, so precious, so sweet!  
The one who we'll cherish forever,  
The one who makes our life complete!

## **BABY BOY**

### **Author 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.



## **BABY'S NAMING DAY**

### **Author 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.

### **DR SEUSS QUOTE**

Why fit in when you were born to stand out?



## **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.



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

**Author 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.

## **DEAR CHILD....**

**Author Unknown**

I wish you the gift of empathy – the ability to stand in another's shoes and know their needs.  
I wish you kindness – given as a gift and now as an obligation.  
I wish you perception – to see without bigotry or self-esteem.  
I wish you courage in all the hard times you will meet – a heart and mind that learns from failure – and finds hope even at the edges of despair.  
I wish that you become a person that shines with kindness and intelligence and love of life.  
I wish you an exploratory mind and respect for the beliefs of others.  
I wish you the love that changes and grows with every year that passes.





## **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 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.



## **EXAMPLE OF PARENTHOOD**

### **Author 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.

## **IF**

### **Author 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.



**EXTRACT FROM “THE WONDERFUL THINGS YOU WILL BE”**  
**Emily Winfield**

When I look at you and you look at me,  
I wonder what wonderful things you will be.

When you were too small to tell me hello,  
I knew you were someone I wanted to know.

For all of your tininess couldn't disguise  
A heart so enormous....And wild....And wise.

This is the first time, there's every been you,  
So I wonder what wonderful things you will do.

Will you stand up for good by saving the day?  
Will you tell a story that only you know?  
Will you learn what it means to help things grow?

Will you learn how to fly, to find the best view?  
Or take care of things, much smaller than you?

I know you'll be kind....And Clever...and bold.  
And the bigger your heart, the more it will hold.

**WINNIE THE POOH QUOTES**

Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart

If you live to be a hundred, I hope to be a hundred minus one day, so I never  
have to live a day without you

“what if I fall?” oh but my darling, what if you fly?

Be bold enough to use your voice, brave enough to listen to your heart, and  
strong enough to live the life you've always imagined



## **EXTRACT FROM “GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU”**

**Sam McBratney**

Then Little Nutbrown Hare had a good idea. He tumbled upside down and reached up to the tree trunk with his feet.

“I love you all the way up to my toes!” he said.

“And I love you all the way up to your toes,” said Big Nutbrown Hare, swinging him up over his head.

“I love you as high as I can HOP!” laughed Little Nutbrown Hare, bouncing up and down.

“But I love you as high as I can hop,” smiled Big Nutbrown Hare and he hopped so high that his ears touched the branches above. That’s good hopping, though Little Nutbrown Hare. I wish I could hop like that.

“I love you all the way down the lane as far as the river,” cried Little Nutbrown Hare.

“I love you across the river and over the hills,” said Big Nutbrown Hare. That’s very far, thought Little Nutbrown Hare. He was almost too sleepy to think any more.

Then he looked beyond the thorn bushes, out into the big dark night. Nothing could be further than the sky.

I love you right to the moon,” he said, and closed his eyes..

“Oh, that’s far,” said Big Nutbrown Hare. “That is very, very far.”

Big Nutbrown Hare settled Little Nutbrown Hare into his bed of leaves. He leaned over and kissed him goodnight.

Then he lay down close by and whispered with a smile, “I love you right up to the moon and back.”



## **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!



## **HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A MIRACLE?**

**Sue Saladino**

Have you ever seen a miracle,  
Beheld one with your eyes,  
Seen the magic & the mystery,  
The wonder & surprise?

Have you ever touched a miracle,  
With your fingertips?  
Have you ever kissed a miracle,  
Brushed one with your lips?

Have you ever held a miracle,  
Gently in your arms?  
Knowing that you must protect,  
This precious gift from harm?

Have you ever loved a miracle,  
Loved right from the start,  
Loved with all your being,  
Loved with all your heart?

I have done all these things,  
I do them everyday,  
I see miracles grow & learn,  
I see them laugh & play.

I'm an ordinary person,  
Not special at all, you see.  
God gave me not one miracle, He saw fit to give me three.





## **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".

## **SPEECH**

**Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D**

"If children live with hostility, they learn to fight./If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy./If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient./If children live with encouragement, they learn 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 faith./If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves./If children live with acceptance, and friendship, they learn to find love in the world."



## **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

## **MOTHER OF TWINS POEM**

**Author 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



## **MY CHILD**

### **Jill Work**

My child, I carried you in my heart before you were even born  
And dared to dream that you were real.

My child, I carried your picture with me since the day I received it,  
And dared to love a child I was yet to meet.

My child, I carried you in my arms at last, and gazed in helpless wonder at your  
face,  
And dared to lose my heart to you.

And now, my child, a dream fulfilled, a prayer answered, a family created, I  
have dared to become a mom.  
And so now, my precious child, I shall carry you home.

## **My Son**

### **Author Unknown**

A boy is an explorer of wooden blocks  
a climber of trees  
a teller of jokes and stories,  
with a grin that's sure to please.

He's a friend of little creatures  
like puppies, frogs and bugs,  
Hes a player of almost any game,  
a winner of hearts and hugs.

He's a dreamer of great dreams  
the futures hope and joy  
He'll bring you world's of happiness  
that wonderful little boy



## **MY LITTLE GIRL**

**Meghann E. Mastri**

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

## **THE GIFT OF LIFE**

**Author Unknown**

I didn't give you the gift of life,  
But in my heart I know,  
The love I feel is deep and real,  
As if it had been so.

For us to have each other,  
Is like a dream come true.  
No, I didn't give you the gift of life,  
Life gave me the gift of you.



## **NAMING POEM FOR BOYS**

### **Author 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.

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### **Author Unknown**

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## **REFLECTION OF A FAMILY**

### **Author 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.



## **WISH LIST**

### **Colin McCarty**

Of all the things we wish for you, we would give anything if these wishes could always come true...

We want you to be happy.

We want you to fill your own heart with feelings of wonder and to be full of courage and hope.

We want you to have the type of friendship that is a treasure – and the kind of love that is beautiful forever.

We wish you contentment: the sweet, quiet, inner kind that comes around and never goes away.

We want to have hopes and have them all come true.

We want to make the most of this moment in time.

We want you to have a real understanding of how unique and rare you really are.

We want to remind you that the sun may disappear for a while, but it never forgets to shine.

We want you to have faith.

May you have feelings that are shared from heart to heart, simple pleasures amidst this complex world, and wonderful goals that are within your grasp.

May the words you listen to say the things you need to hear. And may a cheerful face lovingly look back at you when you happen to glance in your mirror.

We wish you the insight to see your inner and outer beauty.

We wish you sweet dreams.

We want to be able to make your good times better and your hard times easier to handle.

We want you to have millions of moments when you find satisfaction in the things you do so wonderfully.

And we wish we could find a way to tell you, in untold ways, how important you are to us.

Of all the things we'll be wishing for, whatever you are and whatever we may do, there will never be a day in our life when we won't be wishing for the best....for you.



## **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





## **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.

## **TODAY I KISSED AN ANGEL**

**Brenda Meece**

Today I kissed an angel. I knew it from the start.  
The first time my angel smiled at me; I gave away my heart.

Today I kissed an angel; This angel child of mine  
Though not of my creation, My child by God's design.

Today I kissed an angel. My heart is dancing wild;  
Our family by a miracle; Blessed by our angel child.



## **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.

## **WHY GOD MADE LITTLE BOYS**

**Author 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".



## **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.