

## A Wedding Blessing, often referred to incorrectly as "**The Apache Wedding Blessing**"

(This is one of my favorite blessings for marriage and you can use just the first paragraph if you want. It has often been incorrectly labeled as the Apache Wedding Blessing but is really something written by Elliot Arnold for a novel and then a movie.)

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 to the other.  
Now there will be no loneliness, for each of you will be companion to the other.  
Now you are two persons, but there is only one life before you.  
May beauty surround you both in the journey ahead and through all the years.  
May happiness be your companion and your days together be good and long upon the earth.

Treat yourselves and each other with respect and remind yourselves often of what brought you together.

Give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness and kindness that your connection deserves.

When frustration, difficulty and fear assail your relationship - as they threaten all relationships

at one time or another -remember to focus on what is right between you, not only the part which seems wrong.

In this way, you can ride out the storms when clouds hide the face of the sun in your lives - remembering that even if you lose sight of it for a moment, the sun is still there. And if each of you takes responsibility for the quality of your life together, it will be marked by abundance and delight.