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Examples of Wording for Handfasting

'Handfasting is a beautiful, symbolic part of the wedding ceremony, and is believed to span several cultures dating back thousands of years. The phrase 'tying the knot!' and the action of shaking someone's hand to agree on something, are probably derived from this action of binding the couples hands together, often with coloured ribbon or cord to symbolise their union of love.'

Beautiful words are spoken by the wedding celebrant before, during and after the ceremony which adds real romance and significance, making it very special!'
from The Celebrant Directory

If you choose to have include Handfasting in your ceremony, here are some possible words that can be incorporated into the ritual.

- ♥ This cord of ribbons symbolizes so much. It is your life, your love and the eternal connection that the two of you have found with one another. The ties of this handfasting are not formed by these ribbons or even by the knots connecting them. They are formed instead by your vows, by your pledge, your souls and your two hearts, now bound together as one."

From 'For This Joyous Occasion'

- ♥ You touched my hand and reached my thoughts,
You kissed my lips and reached my heart,
You looked into my eyes and touched my soul.
No words were said, no thoughts exchanged.
Through only a touch you changed me,
With only a kiss you moved me,
With only a look you brought me life."

Author Unknown

♥ "Across the years I will walk with you
in deep green forests; on shores of sand.
And when our time on earth is through,
in heaven, too, you will have my hand."

From 'The Promise' by Robert Sexton

♥ These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of
love for you, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as you promise
to love each other today, tomorrow and forever.

These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you
build your future.

These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you
through the years, and with the slightest touch, will comfort you like no
other.

These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind.

These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your
eyes; tears of sorrow and tears of joy.

These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children.

These are the hands that will help you to hold your family as one.

These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it.

And lastly, these are the hands that, even when wrinkled and aged, will
still be reaching for yours, still giving the you same unspoken tenderness
with just a touch.

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