



## HOW TO SAY THANK YOU

After the ceremony is over, you may find it overwhelming to try to put into words the appreciation you have for all that friends, neighbors, family and clergy have done for you and your family. Here are some simple suggestions for writing your thank you notes.

1. The acknowledgement cards express suitable formal appreciation. They should be personally signed.
2. It is not necessary to write a letter of thanks or even a long note. You can be brief.
3. Acknowledgement and thank you cards should be sent to those who sent floral pieces or performed some service. Etiquette does not require you to send a "thank you" to all who called.
4. Try to convey a message from the heart, rather than just a simple, impersonal response.
5. Don't be afraid of being too emotional or sentimental because these feelings show the true nature of your real love and friendship. Let your friends know how much it meant to have such comforting thoughtfulness and assistance in the hour when it meant the most to you.
6. Be personal and specific whenever possible. Mention the kind of flowers sent, the type of food, or any kind words or deeds that helped you.
7. If you wish to express appreciation for flowers sent by a group of neighbors or co-workers, you should send an individual card or folder to each person who signed the card that came with the flowers.
8. If you wish to express appreciation to an organization like a lodge, veterans, or fraternal organization, it is usual to address the note to the Secretary.

Remember your friends; they are more precious than ever, and let what you say come from the heart.