



Wedding Ceremonial Readings

From Contemporary to Non- Denominational Including Civil & Marriage Renewal Vows

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Testimonials

"Jeff!

I wanted to thank you again. Everyone went on and on at how impressed they were with the intimate beauty of the ceremony. We are excited to see how the pictures turned out."

Jacie Morris Saint Joseph, MO.

"Jeff!

Thank you for everything you did to make our wedding perfect. We really thought we were going to be so nervous but the way you spoke and smiled helped us stay calm. When we think about our wedding day the best part was at the chapel. We are so glad we found you! You will always have a place in our hearts!"

Sarah and Travis Johnson Springfield, Mo.

Introduction

Whether you want traditional, contemporary or something you wrote yourselves, this ebook, give you some great example of various types of ceremonies.

By taking the time to follow a few simple rules, everyone can their vows unique, special and most importantly memorable.

The good news is that you will learn a lot about all sorts of aspects of wedding readings and vows, most you may not have heard or read before. In many ways, you may find yourself wondering about if you should do that or if you should do this. The goal is to provide you with the information you need to make a proper decision about your wedding reading and vows.



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Testimonials

"Robert Franklin,
Bob performed our ceremony
on June 28th in Springfield, MO,
and we were so impressed with
how wonderful he was. Even
with the last minute change of
location he was helpful with
advice and a friendly smile, as
well as doing a lovely
ceremony! Thank You and God
Bless!

Kayla SPFG, MO.

"Pastor Carmin,
I just wanted to let you know
how happy we were to have
Pastor Carmin perform our
wedding. He made us feel like
we had always known him. He
did a wonderful job.

Jim and Phyllis Florence, AZ.

Chapter 1: Contemporary Ceremony 1

PROCESSIONAL:

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?
(Optional)

Introduction:

We are here today, to witness and participate in a
ceremony celebrating the public acknowledgment of
a love which

_____ have for
each other.

Knowing that by our presence here, with them, we
are saying that they are loved by many . This
celebration is for the union of these two hearts and
minds. It is a celebration of the joining of two souls
already attuned to each other. When such a true
bond already exists between a man and a woman, it
is fitting that an outer acknowledgment be made.
We are here to bear witness to their entry into the
covenant relationship of husband and wife, of these
beloved friends, who are already one in spirit.

This day you take a giant step of courage and
commitment to love, understand and grow. When a
commitment this strong is made by two people, it
reaches out and touches all of us around you. Like a
stone dropped in a still pond, the ripples of your
love, from this celebration extend and change the
world we live in.

You are now taking into your care and keeping the

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Testimonials

"Jeff DeBlase!
Thank you for performing our wedding ceremony it was perfect. Thank You also for the cup of coffee and piece of pie on Can-A-Lope Weddings. Thank You"
**Dreama and Ricky,
Rogersville Mo.**

"Hi Can-A-Lope Weddings!
Stephen and I were married 11-29-08 in front of of the Bear Bryant Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa AL by JJ Johnson! It was very memorable, sweet and simple which is what we wanted. Absolutely perfect! We wanted to thank Mr. Johnson! He did a wonderful job with our short ceremony and wore an awesome Alabama jacket!! Everyone cheered and shouted roll tide when he kissed at the end of the ceremony! It couldn't have been better. Thank you so much and ROLL TIDE!!!!"
**Mrs. Candice Mizelle
Alabama**

happiness of the one person in the entire world whom you love most. You are adding to your life not only the affection of each other, but also the love and companionship for someone with whom you can share in an intimate and trusting way, all the hopes, joys, and dreams of life. Real love, is laying down your life for each other. It is the expression of your thoughts, feelings and desires as one. Love makes burdens lighter because you divide them. It makes joys more intense because you share them. It makes you stronger, so you can be involved with life in ways you dare not risk alone.

We honor and rejoice with you now as we witness your vows to love each other and to come together as one into the blessed estate of marriage.

Proclamation of Intention To Be Married:

Do you _____; take this woman, to live together in marriage; will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity; and forsaking all others, to be faithful to her, so long as you shall live?? I DO

Do you _____; take this man, to live together in marriage; will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity; and forsaking all others, to be faithful to him, so long as you shall live?? I DO

Exchange of vows: (Or you can say your own vows.)

_____ and _____ will now exchange their

vows:

Bride/Groom Repeat:

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Testimonials

"Hi Jeff and Cindy!
Thank you so much for officiating our wedding. You did a great job and totally loved your suit. Thanks Again!"
Kandise and Matt O'Fallon, Mo.

"Hi Jeff and Cindy!
Thank you very much for your kindness during our wedding time. You were very helpful and open to our ideas and needs. Good luck. We will pass a good reference around to our friends in the area. Thank You Again! God Bless."
Lee and Jennifer F. Branson, Mo.

I promise to always stand by your side as your partner, your love and your best friend. I give you all my trust and all my tomorrows. I promise I will always cherish you and I promise my love for you is forever.

The Wedding Ring Exchange:

The wedding rings (the unbroken circle) are symbols of eternity. The gold is symbolic of that which is pure and the diamonds are symbolic of what is permanent and incorruptible. Today you have chosen to exchange rings, as a sign of the love you have for each other and a seal of the promises you are making this day.

May we please have the rings?

_____ as you place this ring on her finger repeat after me. Groom recites: May this ring forever be a symbol of my growing love for you. Please wear it as a sign to the world that you are my wife. With this ring I thee wed.

_____ As you place this ring on his finger repeat after me. Bride recites: May this ring forever be a symbol of my growing love for you. Please wear it as a sign to the world that you are my husband. With this ring I thee wed.

Optional: Unity Candle or Sand Pouring, Communion, Readings, Special Music, etc.

Closing Remarks:

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As you begin your marriage, here are a few words to

Testimonials

"Hi there!

I realize you probably get tons of these, but here is one of the photos of our wedding! Thanks for making our wedding day go so smoothly, and everyone complimented Reverend Richard Gordon on his ceremony."

Cybele W. Houston, Tx.

"Jeff DeBlase,

Just wanted to say thank you very much for the ceremony you performed for us. I felt a certain warmth around you almost like being a little closer to God. It feels wonderful! And for that there is a special place in our hearts for you. It also feels great to be married to my best friend. I just feel awesome! Thank you for everything that you have done for me and my family, and we will never forget you. God bless you and thank you again for everything."

**Larry and Amanda Kidwell
Branson, Mo.**

encourage:

Remember being a Bride and Groom is for a day; but being a husband & wife is a lifetime commitment.

Let your love be stronger than your anger.

Learn the wisdom of compromise, for it is better to bend than to break.

Believe the best of your beloved rather than the worst.

Confide in your partner and ask for help when you need it.

Remember that true friendship is the basis for any lasting Relationship.

Give your spouse the same courtesies and kindness you bestow On your friends.

Don't forget to say "I love you" every day.

May life grant you patience, tolerance and understanding.

(Optional) Wedding Prayer or Blessing:

Congratulations:

And Have A Wonderful Life Together:

Pronouncement:

And now as you enter the greatest journey of your life: In as much as you all have agreed to enter the

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Testimonials

"Jeff and Cindy,
Thank you so much for such a
heartfelt ceremony on 9-3. It
was such a special day. Thank
you for being a part of it."
**The Pearsons, Jamie, Elaine
& John. Nixa, MO**

"Jeff, The ceremony you
performed for us on 3-12-05 is
very much appreciated. I will
definitely recommend your
services to others."
**Sincerely, Steve and Dean
Springfield, Mo.**

marriage relationship, having exchanged vows with sincere and devoted hearts, and have given and received rings as tokens of your love, it is now my honor and privilege to pronounce you husband and wife.

YOU MAY NOW KISS YOUR BRIDE:

Presentation of Couple:

Ladies and gentleman, I now present to you

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Testimonials

"Thank You Jeff and Cindy, you guys made our wedding come off just as we wanted, casual and fun. We are glad you guys could officiate the wedding service and attend the party. Thanks for being our friends."
Polly and Robert Springfield, Mo.

"Dear Jeff,
Just wanted to drop you a line and let you know how things went for our wedding. The day was lovely. Keith did a very professional and touching wedding service for us, just the way we planned. It was a very special day for us both and we could not have asked for more from Keith. There was not a dry eye in the house, me especially! A couple attending our wedding just got married this last Saturday and they were so impressed with the way he did our ceremony, they used part of ours in theirs. I just wanted you to know how much we appreciate you finding someone for us, and for Keith doing a fabulous job, especially at the last minute. He is so professional and confident. Keith is definitely a keeper for your business."
Lisa and Martin Atlanta, Ga.

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Chapter 2: Contemporary Ceremony 2

Processional:

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?
(Optional)

Introduction:

On behalf of _____, it is with great joy and pleasure we welcome you. We are gathered here this day in a spirit of festivity, togetherness and joy, to celebrate a great moment in the lives of _____.

We are here today, to witness and participate in a ceremony celebrating the public acknowledgment of the love which _____ have for each other.

Marriage is a supreme sharing of experience and an adventure in the most intimate of human relationships. It is the joyous union of two people whose friendship and mutual understanding have flowered into romance. Today they proclaim their love and commitment to the world, and we who are gathered here rejoice with them and for them in the new life they now undertaking together. Therefore today we give thanks for the true happiness of _____.

To love is to come together from the pathways of our past and then move forward...Hand in hand, along the uncharted roads of our future, ready to risk, to dream, and to dare.... And always ready to believe that all things are possible with faith and love in God, and in each other. Let this be a day of

Testimonials

"Hey Robert,
Once again, we really appreciate your help in performing the ceremony. We are so happy to be married and so much in love. We will never forget your kindness."

Aniko, Southern California

"Dear Reverend John,
"I cannot tell you how wonderful our wedding ceremony was! I really enjoyed meeting you and I know Dave did as well! You really made the day ours, and you helped alleviate much of the strain and helped me forget about forgetting Dave's ring! I hope you continue blessing other couples marriage with your insights and sincerity! I told you when we talked, I really wanted someone younger that would inject personality into our ceremony - and you delivered the prose, poetry, and readings with sincerity, thoughtfulness, and still kept things on schedule! We were blessed to have you as our Officiant! Thanks Again! I hope this letter will serve as reassurance for other couples in our situation! Take Care, and e-us anytime."

Helen M. Indiana

gladness, thanksgiving, possibility, and great good fortune for all of us, but especially for _____, who are coming together to demonstrate the wonder of love through the celebration of their marriage. They come together not to mark the start of a relationship, but to acknowledge and strengthen a bond that already exists. This ceremony is a public affirmation of the bond that they share. It acknowledges their private pledge to continue to grow together in an ever-deepening love and mutual devotion.

_____ you hold in common similar interests and ideas. Living together in this way, you will deepen your love for each other. This relationship of oneness you are about to enter is based on love, respect, and a determination on the part of both husband and wife to adjust to each other's temperaments and moods, in joy and sadness, ease and hardship or whatever may come. We honor you today, as you take a giant step of courage and commitment, one that will be full of your desire to love and understand each other and to grow together in your marriage relationship.

The Expression of Intent To Be Married:

Do you _____; take _____ as your wife, promising to tenderly care for her, to respect her individuality, to cherish her as she is, and to faithfully love her continually?

Do you _____ take _____ to be your husband, promising to tenderly care for him, to respect his individuality, to cherish him as he is, and to faithfully love him continually?

Exchange of vows: (Or you can say your own vows.)

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Testimonials

"Thank you so much for such a beautiful ceremony on 9-3-05. It was a special day. Thank you for being a part of it."

**Jamie, Elaine, and John
Springfield, Mo.**

"Jeff and Cindy,
We wanted to say thank you for joining us for our special day. I have to say you made our ceremony very special, our guests really liked you Jeff. Thank you both for being there on our unforgettable day!
Thanks Again."

Josh and Abra Neosho, Mo.

_____ please repeat after me. "I _____, take you _____ to be my wife, my partner & my one true love. I promise to laugh with you in times of happiness, And to strengthen you in times of need. Through the best and the worst, I will trust you, Honor you, and be faithful to you. Today I commit myself to you for the rest of my life."

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The Wedding Ring Exchange:

From the earliest times, the wedding rings have been symbols of eternity. The precious metal is symbolic of that which is pure and the diamonds are symbolic of what is permanent and incorruptible.

These rings are made of precious metals, a symbol of the riches that reside in you both. As any metal is purified by the white heat of testing, so will your love be purified by the tests facing you through the many seasons of your life.

Your rings are made precious by wearing them. May these rings be, from this day forward be one of your most treasured adornment, and may the love they symbolize, be your most precious possession. As you wear these rings, may they be constant reminders of these glad promises you are making today.

May we please have the rings

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Testimonials

"DEAR JEFF AND CINDY, JUST WANTED TO WRITE AND THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL WORDS THAT WERE GIVEN TO US ON OUR DAY. WE JUST WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT WE COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR ANYTHING BETTER. HUMOR IS A HUGE PART OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, AND YOU NOT EVEN KNOWING US ENDED UP BEING A PERFECT FIT FOR OUR WEDDING. WE ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO BLESS OUR MARRIAGE IN PRAYER IT REALLY MEANT A LOT TO US. THANK YOU AND HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH BLESSINGS"
SEAN & SHERRY Springfield, Mo

"Jeff, I just wanted to say Thank you very much for suggesting Kathleen Mealman, we had a very simple ceremony with just me, Jeff and the girls, it was exactly what we wanted and Kathleen was very flexible with her time to accommodate our family until we could make our plans on Monday morning. This was a very special day for us and it was very nice to notify you on Friday night of our wishes and have it all worked out for Monday! What a great service!"
Jeff, Phyllis, Holli and Hayley St. Louis, Mo.

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_____ as you place this ring on _____ finger
please repeat after me. Groom recites:

_____ I give you this ring, as a symbol and a reminder of my commitment.
As you receive this ring, receive my promise to love and cherish you always.
And with this ring, I Thee Wed.

_____ as you place this ring on _____ finger
please repeat after me. Bride recites:

_____ I give you this ring, as a symbol and a reminder of my commitment to you.
As you receive this ring, receive my promise to love and cherish you always.
And with this ring, I Thee Wed.

Optional: Unity Candle or Sand Pouring,
Communion, Readings, Special Music, etc.

Closing Remarks:

And now, before we get to the party, let me say a few words of encouragement. A wedding is a happy occasion, flawless in its joyful sense of well-being, but as you already know, your relationship has moods and seasons, high times as well as low times, and challenges that you never expected. The true art of a successful marriage is to adapt and change continually on behalf of each other. It is a mutual enrichment, a give and take between two personalities, a mingling of two endowments which diminishes neither but enhances both.

Therefore, along with celebrating the marvelous feelings of today, remember, especially your vows to love and cherish each other always. Remember that

Testimonials

"Jeff and Cindy, Thank you for performing our ceremony and the blessing you gave our family. The personal attention and comments meant a lot to us. You blessed our new chapter the way we envisioned it. Thank you!"

**Mike, Renee, and Brenna
Stafford, Mo.**

"Jeff,
Thank you for the wonderful job you did at our wedding. We were most pleased. God Bless!"
Len and Barbara Iowa

when the storms of life come, they are temporary and not a reflection of your relationship as a whole.

Above all, remember that love and your commitment to it is what really matters. Bride & Groom may you be fulfilled by each others love and friendship. May your desires be understood by each other. May you be honored and expanded by the promises you have made and the life together you will create.

(Optional) Wedding Prayer or Blessing:

Pronouncement:

And now as you enter the greatest journey of your life: In as much as you all have agreed to enter the marriage relationship, having exchanged vows with sincere and devoted hearts, you have given and received rings as tokens of your love, it is now my honor and privilege to pronounce you husband and wife.

YOU MAY NOW KISS YOUR BRIDE:

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"Thank you for the beautiful ceremony. You made our special day very memorable."
Jeff and Cathy Fayetteville, Ar.

"Thank you for being there to share in our special day. Trever and I are now busy preparing for our honeymoon, we can't wait."
Trever and Ashley Taney County

Chapter 3: Contemporary Ceremony 3:

PROCESSIONAL:

**Who gives this woman to be married to this man?
(Optional)**

Introduction:

We are gathered here today in the presence of family and friends, to give thanks for the the gift of marriage and to witness the joining together of

The joining together of two persons into one unique, intimate and creative bond is truly a demonstration and a celebration of love's good work in life. Today, two individuals, two separate families and backgrounds are coming together as one. Families are the heart of society and a blessed marriage is truly an occasion of which we can all celebrate here today.

_____ you have known each other from the first glance of acquaintance to this point of commitment. At some point you decided to marry. From that moment of yes to this moment of yes, indeed you have been making promises and agreements in an informal way. All those conversations you held while riding in a car or over a meal or during long walks. The vows you are about to make are a way of saying to one another, "you know all those things we've promised, hoped and dreamed—well, I meant it all, every word". All those common things, and more, are the real

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Testimonials

"Thank you for performing a beautiful 25th vow renewal anniversary service for us. You helped make our day extra special."
Joe and Kay Springfield, Mo.

"Rev Debra Diaz we thank you from the bottom of our heart for the beautiful dedication that you lead for our son Jalen, Sept 15th 2007. We could not have asked for a better, more sincere or more heart felt ceremony, every aspect of that morning was perfect. I believe God was there as well as the people & family who could not physically be there with us that day. We felt it. It made all the difference that you were so wonderful and truly cared. Thank you"
Happy Mother From New York City

process of your wedding.

_____ look at one another and remember this moment in time. Before this moment you have been many things to one another—acquaintance, friend, companion, and even teacher. Now you shall say a few words that will take you across the threshold of life and things will never quite be the same between you. After these vows, you shall say to the world by your love, this is my husband, this is my wife.

Proclamation of Intention To Be Married: (I Do's)

Do you _____; take _____ as your wife, promising to tenderly care for her, to respect her individuality, to cherish her as she is, and to faithfully love her continually?

Do you _____ take _____ to be your husband, promising to tenderly care for him, to respect his individuality, to cherish him as he is, and to faithfully love him continually?

Exchange of vows: (Or you can say your own vows.)

_____, I pledge to you my love, faith and tenderness. I promise to cherish you with a husband's loyalty and devotion.

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Testimonials

"Hello Chaplin Jim,
We just wanted to thank you and your wife for such a beautiful ceremony last Sunday! A lot of people really loved it. Everything went perfect for us..the ceremony, the sand ceremony, the reception...everything was great. We're sorry we missed you when you left the wedding. We had a box of cake for you and your wife. Thanks again, you did a wonderful job and we really appreciated it"
John and Deidre Winnebago County.

"Chaplain Jim,
I wanted to thank you for the wonderful service you provided on 9/14 at lake Geneva. We received such great compliments. We just wanted to get in touch and wish you and your wife a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"
Michelle and Rich Blau Lake Geneva, WI

Wedding Ring Exchange:

Today you begin your life with each other, knowing you have developed a trust and commitment that is strong enough to last through the good times and bad. The wedding ring is a token of your love and a symbol of eternity, the unbroken circle with no beginning or end.

_____, I offer you my hand, my heart, and my soul as I know they will be safe with you.

_____, I offer you my hand, my heart, and my soul as I know they will be safe with you.

Optional: Unity Candle or Sand Pouring, Communion, Readings, Special Music, etc.

Closing Remarks:

_____, Today is a day you will always remember --one of the greatest in your life. You started off this day two people in love and are ending it as husband and wife. This day is the start of a brand new journey, with many moments to cherish and treasure together. Although there will be many times you both disagree, these will surely be outweighed by the pleasure.

So live happy forever as lovers and friends, it is the dawn of a brand new life for you, as you stand there together with love in your eyes from the moment you said "I do." With faith, all your hopes and your dreams will be real. May success, health and true happiness find its way to you! Tomorrow can bring

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Testimonials

"Thank you for helping our Special day go so great!"
Casie and Aaron
Birmingham, Alabama

"Jeff and Cindy,
Thank you so much for making our wedding day special. We really appreciate you performing our ceremony. It was wonderful! We will recommend you to everyone we know. thank you again and God Bless."
Love Andrea and Jeff
Bolivar, MO.

you some of your greatest joys, but today is the day it all starts.

(Optional) Wedding Prayer or Blessing:

Congratulations:

And Have A Great Life Together

Pronouncement:

And now as you enter the greatest journey of your life: In as much as you all have agreed to enter the marriage relationship, having exchanged vows with sincere and devoted hearts, you have given and received rings as tokens of your love, it is now my honor and privilege to pronounce you husband and wife.

YOU MAY NOW KISS YOUR BRIDE:

Presentation of Couple:

Ladies and gentleman, I now present to you

RECESSIONAL:



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Testimonials

"Pastor Jeff and Cindy, Thank you so much for making our wedding day so beautiful. Thank you also for the lovely card. We will always treasure it. Look us up if you ever come to St. Louis. God Bless!"
Matt and Jill St Louis, MO

"Dear Reverend Gibson, We wanted to let you know how much we appreciated your services. You went above and beyond our expectations. Thank you very much for your help with the marriage license too. Everything you did for us is deeply appreciated and we feel a close bond with you now. We hope to see you again soon and thanks again."
Diana and Robby, Oklahoma City, OK

Chapter 4: Short And Simple Ceremony:

PROCESSIONAL:

Who gives this bride to be married? (Optional)

Introduction:

Family & Friends, we have gathered here today with _____ to give thanks for the gift of marriage and to share in the joy of their wedding, Marriage is a way of life, given by God, so that the husband and wife may provide each other companionship, help, comfort, joy and most of all love. Here are some wonderful words that truly defines the true meaning of love.

Love is patient and kind; Love is not jealous or boastful;

Love is not arrogant or rude; Love does not insist on its own way;

Love does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices with the right.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, Endures all things.

Love never fails.

_____ we honor and rejoice with you now as we witness your vows to love each other and

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Testimonials

"Hello Rev. Robert,
I just wanted to Thank You so much for such a wonderful Ceremony you performed for us. I cannot think of anything I would change about any of our Wedding. Gary and I were both soooooo very happy with everything. If you ever need a reference please don't hesitate to give my email or phone number out. Again Thank You so much for everything."
**Take Care, Grace & Gary
Inland Empire, CA**

"Dale,
Just wanted to thank you again for doing our wedding yesterday - AND STANDING IN THE RAIN ! It was still beautiful and we were very happy with everything. We wish you well and appreciate the card and all of your blessings. You were so good. Thanks again!"
**Jacob and Samantha
Springfield, MO**

to come together as one into the blessed estate of marriage.

The Expression of intent:

Do you _____; take _____ as your wife, promising to tenderly care for her, to respect her individuality, to cherish her as she is, and to faithfully love her continually?

Do you _____ take _____ to be your husband, promising to tenderly care for him, to respect his individuality, to cherish him as he is, and to faithfully love him continually?

Exchange of vows: (Or you can say your own vows.)

I _____, take you _____ to be my wife, my partner & my one true love. I promise to laugh with you in times of happiness, And to strengthen you in times of need. Through the best and the worst, I will trust you, Honor you, and be faithful to you. Today I commit myself to you for the rest of my life.

I _____, take you _____ to be my husband, my partner & my one true love. I promise to laugh with you in times of happiness, And to strengthen you in times of need. Through the best and the worst, I will trust you, Honor you, and be faithful to you. Today I commit myself to you for the rest of my life.

The Wedding Ring Exchange:

These rings are a symbols of eternity and the unbroken circle of love. Love freely given has no

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Testimonials

"Good afternoon Jeff,
Just concluded our ceremony at
Fenton with Rev. Keith
Roberson. With weather
conditions deteriorating he
performed an exceptional
service for us." Thank You,
Terry and Debbie Fenton,
MO

"Dale,
What a blessing You, Jeff and
Cindy were to Donnie and I as
we took the next step toward
our future! We are back in
Texas and are enjoying our first
full day as Husband and Wife!!!
Just wanted to let you know
how wonderful all of you were
from start to finish. It was
everything we wanted and
more. You will forever be an
indelible memory in our minds!
May the Lord continue to bless
You!" Blessings,
Donnie and Melissa Dallas
Fort Worth, TX

beginning and no end, no giver and no receiver for each is the giver and each is the receiver. Today you have chosen to exchange rings, as a sign of your love for each other and a seal of the promises you make this day.

May we please have the rings?

_____ as you place this ring on her finger repeat after me. Groom recites: **May this ring forever be a symbol of my growing love for you. Please wear it as a sign to the world that you are my wife. With this ring I thee wed.**

_____ As you place this ring on his finger repeat after me. Bride recites: **May this ring forever be a symbol of my growing love for you. Please wear it as a sign to the world that you are my husband. With this ring I thee wed.**

Optional: Unity Candle, Reading, Special Music, etc.

Closing Remarks:

As you begin your marriage, here are a few words to encourage you:

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Let your love be stronger than your anger.

Learn the wisdom of compromise, for it is better to bend than to break. A marriage without compromise is guaranteed conflict.

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Testimonials

"Dear Alice and Jim,
We just wanted to thank you again for making our day special. Jim did a great job as we knew he would. The ceremony was awesome and we are glad we found you."
Joanie and John Chicago, IL

"Dear Jeff,
We just wanted to send you a note of thanks for all you contributed to make our wedding a great and special day. So many of the families came up to us and commented on how they enjoyed your ceremony. We were all grateful for the easy and personal way you spoke to Marlene and Isaac, how you put them at ease and also how you were able to keep it serious but also fun and light. We all had a wonderful time together. The whole time will always be a special memory for all of us. For both parents it was our last child to get married. They will be starting out their married life with lots of support-Marlene has 2 brothers and 2 sisters, all married and with kids; Isaac has one sister who is married and has a daughter and he has a large extended family of aunts & uncles. We all live within driving distance of each other--and we are all Christians!! So, this all makes for a great and happy life with the best yet to come. Thanks again! Sincerely,
Jim & Karen Florida."

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Confide in your partner and ask for help when you need it.

Remember that true friendship is the basis for any lasting Relationship.

Give your spouse the same courtesies and kindness you bestow On your friends.

Don't forget to say "I love you" every day.

May life grant you patience, tolerance and understanding.

Wedding Prayer / Blessing Optional:

Pronouncement:

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Testimonials

"Jeff & Cindy,
We can't thank you enough for performing our wedding! You and your wife helped to put us at ease during that very stressful time. If we renew our vows someday, we'll give you a call! Sincerely,"

Charles & Susan Nixa MO

"Thank you for officiating our wedding, we appreciate your genuine spirit and we are thankful we chose you. Sincerely,"

Anwar and Polly Springfield MO

"Jeff,
Thanks again for taking time to perform our wedding ceremony. Everything turned out great. Thanks! The Happy Couple!"

**Mr & Mrs Drew Harris
Kentucky**

Chapter 5: Non-Denominational Ceremony 1 **(more scriptures can be added)**

Procession:

Who gives this woman to be married? (Optional)

Opening Prayer: (Optional)

Dearly Beloved, we are assembled here in the presence

of God and this company of loved ones and friends, to join

in the bonds of holy matrimony.

The scriptures clearly challenges us with the sacredness of the

marriage relationship. This is set forth with the example of deepest

devotion, Christ's love for His Church. The Master himself shared the

joys of the marriage feast in Galilee, where He also performed His

first miracle, changing water into wine. Marriage is a way of life,

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Testimonials

"Thank you very much for performing our ceremony for us. You did a wonderful job and everyone enjoyed the ceremony. Thanks Again!"
**Ryan and Mindy Creve Coeur
MO**

"Jeff & Cindy,
Thank you so much for being a part of our wedding. It was great and you did an awesome job. We pray that God blesses you greatly. Love In Christ!"
**Richard and Michelle
Springfield MO**

given by God, so that the husband and wife may provide each other

companionship, help, comfort, joy and most of all love. I Cor 13 is

the love chapter in God's word and it very beautifully guides us how

we can express our love to each other.

Love is patient and kind;

Love is not jealous or boastful;

Love is not arrogant or rude;

Love does not insist on its own way;

It does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices when right is done.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, Endures all things.

This love is designed by God for your marriage to never fail.

_____ learning to love each other and living together will

be one of your greatest challenges of marriage. Marriage, therefore, is not

to be entered into lightly, and the Lord said we are

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Testimonials

"Thank you for the most important day of our lives."
Joe and Kim Missouri

"Jeff and Cindy,
Thank you so much for the beautiful ceremony. It was everything we wanted and more. Thank you for the gift as well. It was unexpected and paid for our first lunch on our honeymoon. We toasted you with our root beer floats. Thanks Again!"
**Vanessa and Kyle
Springfield, Mo**

to hold it in high honor at all times.

Genesis 2: Says, God created man and said it is not good that he live

alone. So God created woman from mans rib and brought her to him. The

man said, this is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. She shall be

called woman for she was taken out of man. For this reason a man shall

leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they shall

become one flesh.

Vow Exchange:

Proclaiming Your Intention To Be Married:

Do you _____ take _____ to be your wife, to live together in

marriage; will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in health

and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity; and forsaking all others,

to be faithful to her, so long as you both shall live??

Do you _____ take _____ to be your husband, to live together in

marriage; will you love her, comfort her, honor and

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Testimonials

"Rev. Hensley and Wendy, I just wanted to send you a quick note as to thank you for such an outstanding ceremony and advice that you blessed us with. As parents of the bride we wanted everything to be perfect for our daughter, with your expertise and love of God, you made this day so wonderful. You made a very nervous bride and groom calm and excited. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts."
Debi Kelly Excelsior, MN

"Jeff, Thank You for the wedding gift and making our wedding day special. You did a great job."
**Love Clinton and Ashley
Republic, MO**

keep her, in health

and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity; and forsaking all others,

to be faithful to her, so long as you both shall live??

_____ and _____ will now exchange their vows:

I promise to always stand by your side as your partner, your

love and your best friend. I give you all my trust and all my

tomorrows. I will always cherish you and I promise my love

for you is forever

The Wedding Ring Exchange:

The wedding rings (the unbroken circle) are symbols of eternity.

The gold is symbolic of that which is pure and the diamonds are

symbolic of what is permanent and incorruptible.

_____ these rings represent your commitment to love

each other continually. Marriage is the greatest covenant relationship

we can have besides our relationship to the lord. "I encourage you today

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Testimonials

"Jeff,
Thank you for playing such a big role in a wedding that we are very happy about. You did a great job..... All of our guests agree. The money and the card was very nice of you and you in no way needed to do that. We had some good coffee in Nashville. Thanks!!"
Adam and Wendy
Springfield, Mo

"Jeff,
Thank you for performing our ceremony on our big day. We greatly appreciate it. Best of Luck!"
Jeff and Kelly Charlotte, NC

let your home be your castle. _____ you have found your queen,

_____ you have found your king, now live well, laugh often and love much.

Today you have chosen to exchange rings, as a sign of the love you have for

each other and to seal all these wonderful promises you are making here today.

_____ as you place this ring on her finger repeat after me.

May this ring forever be a symbol of my growing love for you.

Please wear it as a sign to the world that you are my wife.

With this ring I thee wed.

_____ as you place this ring on his finger repeat after me.

May this ring forever be a symbol of my growing love for you.

Please wear it as a sign to the world that you are my husband.

With this ring I thee wed.

In Closing:

Ephesians 5:22-28 Speaks of Gods order for

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Testimonials

Wonderful service, easy to work with, easy to talk to.....our minister was fabulous and did everything exactly the way we wanted. He was also very helpful in helping to fill in the gaps and suggested great ideas for the ceremony. Would highly recommend Dale Shumaker (sp?) Springfield /Branson

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Sharon Hogan Michigan

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marriage. Husbands

are to love their wives as Christ loves His Church and gave himself

for it; so should men love their wives as their own bodies. He that

loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever hates his own flesh;

but nourishes and cherishes it even as the Lord His Church. Wives

should learn to yield and adapt themselves to their husband,

as unto the Lord.

Prayer For Marital Blessing: (Optional)

Congratulations:

Have A Great Honeymoon

And Have A Wonderful Life Together

Pronouncement:

And now as you enter the greatest journey of your life: In as much as you all have agreed to enter the marriage relationship, having exchanged vows with sincere and devoted hearts, and have given and received rings as tokens of your love, it is now my honor and privilege to pronounce you husband and wife.

Testimonials

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Sincerely, Mr & Mrs Palmer
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being a part of our special day.
The ceremony was absolutely
perfect and the pictures are
beautiful. We love Can-A-Lope
Weddings."
Cullen and Any Crocker

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Ladies and gentleman, I now present to you

Mr. And Mrs. _____



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Testimonials

"To Can-A-Lope
Thank you so much for helping
to make our big day so special.
It wouldn't have the same
without your service!"
Michael & Kristen Garber

"Hello
This is Crystal Terrell I reserved
Mrs. LuAnne Parrish for 10-10-
2009...for Avery wedding @ the
Dynasty Banquet Hall in
Hammond Indiana. She was
great Funny and wonderful the
wedding party was more that
pleased with the service please
thank her once again for us."
**Crystal Terrell Hammond
Indiana**

Chapter 6: Non-Denominational Ceremony 2 (More scriptures can be added)

PROCESSIONAL:

Who gives this bride to be married? (Optional)

Opening Prayer: (Optional)

Introduction:

Dearly Beloved, we are assembled here in the presence of God and this company of loved ones and friends, to join _____ in the bonds of holy matrimony. The Scriptures clearly challenges us with the sacredness of the marriage relationship. This is set forth with the example of deepest devotion, Christ's love for His Church. The Master himself shared the joys of the marriage feast in Galilee, where he also performed his first miracle, changing water into wine. Marriage is a way of life, given by God, so that the husband and wife may provide each other companionship, help, comfort, joy and most of all love. The great Apostle Paul very beautifully guides us in the underlying meaning of love in 1 Cor 13:4-8.

Love is patient and kind;

Love is not jealous or boastful;

Love is not arrogant or rude;

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Testimonials

"Dear Reverend Jim
Hope all is well. We got our pictures back from our 35th wedding anniversary celebration, and thought you may enjoy seeing a few of them. It was very nice chatting with you before and after the ceremony. You made our 35th vow renewal very special."

Best regards, Fred and Nancy Walker Lake Geneva Wisconsin

"Can-A-Lope Wedding Ministers
It has already been a year since you performed our wedding ceremony (Jeff DeBlase), and it has been a wonderful year of marriage, and we look forward to many more years together. Thank You for the services you provide. I also enjoyed reading your book "Born To Raze Hell" May God bless you all in all that you do."

**Dr. & Mrs. Mark Stuppy
Springfield MO**

Love does not insist on its own way;

Love does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices with the right.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, Endures all things.

Love never fails.

Learning to love each other and living together will be one of your greatest challenges of marriage. Marriage, therefore, is not to be entered into lightly, and the Lord said we are to hold it in high honor at all times.

**Exchange of vows:
(Or you can say your own vows.)**

_____ and _____ will now exchange their vows:

Bride/Groom Repeat:

I promise to always stand by your side as your partner, your love and your best friend. I give you all my trust and all my tomorrows. I promise I will always cherish you and I promise my love for you is forever.

Do you _____; take this woman, to live together in marriage; will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity; and forsaking all others, to be faithful to her, so long as you shall live?? I DO

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Testimonials

"Can-A-Lope Wedding Ministers
Thank you so much for your letter! We celebrated our 1st anniversary on June 14th this year.. and I have a couple of pictures of Dale on our horse.. if you remember we had a horseback wedding in Mt Vernon. He was awesome and very pleasant and gentle and kind! Very sweet to our vows and I will never forget it!! Thank you very much."
**Walt and Sherry Wingfield
Mt Vernon MO**

"Jeff and Cindy,
Thank you so much for making our wedding day beautiful and amazing. We truly cannot thank you enough, and we are highly recommending you to all of our friends who might be looking for a minister/officiant for their wedding. You truly made the day special."
Thank you again, Rachel and Zach Caselman

Do you _____; take this man, to live together in marriage; will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity; and forsaking all others, to be faithful to him, so long as you shall live?? I DO

The Wedding Ring Exchange:

The wedding rings (the unbroken circle) are symbols of eternity. The gold is symbolic of that which is pure and the diamonds are symbolic of what is permanent and incorruptible.

These rings are a tokens of your commitment to love each other, continually. Marriage is the greatest covenant relationship we can have besides our relationship to the Lord. "I exhort you today" before God, your family, and friends. Let your home be one of the greatest places on earth for your love, joy, and peace to be revealed.

Today you have chosen to exchange rings, as a sign of the love you have for each other and a seal of the promises you are making this day.

May we please have the rings?

_____ as you place this ring on her finger repeat after me. Groom recites: May this ring forever be a symbol of my growing love for you. Please wear it as a sign to the world that you are my wife. With this ring I thee wed.

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Testimonials

"Hi Jeff and Cindy!

I wanted to let you know how wonderful everyone thought you were during our wedding ceremony. Your wit and friendly presentation is what most feedback has been about and it was exactly the laid back ceremony Shawn and I were hoping for. In fact, when asked about how we knew you and I told them I found you in the internet, no one could believe it! They thought you knew us and I said, "Nope...he just took really good notes"!

Thanks again for making our day very special. Take care!

"To Holly!

Thank you for making our wedding day special. Even though it was a such a short notice it turned out very nice and Holly was great."

Happy Bride Pittsburgh PA

_____ **As you place this ring on his finger repeat after me. Bride recites: May this ring forever be a symbol of my growing love for you. Please wear it as a sign to the world that you are my husband. With this ring I thee wed.**

Optional: Unity Candle or Sand Pouring, Communion, Readings, Special Music, etc.

Closing Remarks:

As you begin in your marriage, here are a few words you can take with you on your journey together:

Remember being a bride and groom is only for a day but being a husband and wife is a life time commitment

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Testimonials

"To Bill Lunberg!

Hi I just wanted to let you know that our wedding was beautiful Bill was so great he provided fantastic services my wedding ceremony was perfect."

**Joanne & Conrad
Stroudsburg, PA**

"Hi Paul,

Brian and I are doing fantastic! Thank you so much for everything. The wedding day was everything I ever dreamed of, but I must say that the wedding ceremony was beyond my expectations. Thank you so much for making our wedding ceremony so special. It really means so much to me and my family that we were able to incorporate various traditions into our wedding ceremony. You listened to everything we wanted and took it to the next level. I am so happy we found you! I will send you pictures soon!"

**Love, Maria Christine Collin
Houston TX**

May life grant you patience, tolerance and understanding

**Wedding Prayer Or Blessing:
(Optional)**

Pronouncement:

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Presentation of Couple:

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Testimonials

"To Sherri Oliver,
I wanted you to know how much we enjoyed Sheri doing our wedding ceremony. She made it very personal to both Danny and I, and there was even a laugh or two during the service because she was so "dead on" with some of the vows. We have enclosed some pictures of her performing our ceremony that you may use. One even shows her smiling, which was a concern of ours (remember?) when we booked her."

Thanks so much! Debbie and Danny Lewis Aberdeen, WA

"Jeff,
Thank You for officiating our ceremony. The day was fantastic, thank you for helping make it so."

Rachel & Clark SPFG MO

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Chapter 7: Non-Denominational Ceremony 3 (Scriptures Can Be Added)

PROCESSIONAL:

**Who gives this woman to be married to this man?
(Optional)**

Introduction:

We are gathered here today in the presence of God, family and friends, to give thanks for the the gift of marriage and to witness the joining together of

The joining together of two persons into one unique, intimate and creative bond is truly a demonstration and a celebration of God's good work in creation. Today, two individuals, two separate families and backgrounds are coming together as one. Families are the heart of society and a blessed marriage is truly an occasion of which we can all celebrate here today.

_____ you have known each other from the first glance of acquaintance to this point of commitment. At some point you decided to marry. From that moment of yes to this moment of yes, indeed you have been making promises and agreements in an informal way. All those conversations you held while riding in a car or over a meal or during long walks. The vows you are about to make are a way of saying to one another, "you know all those things we've promised, hoped

Testimonials

"Jeff,
Thanks so much for the beautiful ceremony that you facilitated for Ken & myself. Thanks also for the money and the nice card. It was a very special day! We hope you enjoyed the cruise."
Ken & Stacy Branson MO

"Jeff,
Thank you for your services. The microphone thing cracked me up. We all enjoyed the service and are glad you stayed for the reception. I hope you had a good time."
Shawn and Vicki Bolivar MO

and dreamed—well, I meant it all, every word”. All those common things, and more, are the real process of your wedding.

_____ look at one another and remember this moment in time. Before this moment you have been many things to one another—acquaintance, friend, companion, and even teacher. Now you shall say a few words that will take you across the threshold of life and things will never quite be the same between you. After these vows, you shall say to the world by your love, this is my husband, this is my wife.

**Proclamation of Intention To Be Married:
(I Do's)**

Do you _____; take _____ as your wife, promising to tenderly care for her, to respect her individuality, to cherish her as she is, and to faithfully love her continually?

Do you _____ take _____ to be your husband, promising to tenderly care for him, to respect his individuality, to cherish him as he is, and to faithfully love him continually?

**Exchange of vows: |
(Or you can say your own vows.)**

_____, I pledge to you my love, faith and tenderness. I promise to cherish you with a husband's loyalty and devotion.

_____, I pledge to you my love, faith and

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Testimonials

"Mr and Mrs DeBlase,
I wanted to thank you again for making our wedding ceremony so special. I couldn't have imagined a better ceremony. I also wanted to thank Mrs. DeBlase for helping us all walk down the aisle at the right time."

Chris & Christine Nixa MO

Thank you so very much for making Aug 12 a special day for us. We will remember that day a life time, as we have a lot of memories together. Well if you two are ever here in Florida, please look us up. We are South Florida. I am back home now, Greg is still in MO hoping he will be able to transfer soon. Lord bless and keep up the Lord's work you are doing. The Lord has a lot in store for you and your family."

Greg and Donna Waynesville MO

tenderness. I promise to cherish you with a husband's loyalty and devotion.

Wedding Ring Exchange:

Today you begin your life with each other, knowing you have developed a trust and commitment that is strong enough to last through the good times and bad. The wedding ring is a token of your love and a symbol of eternity, the unbroken circle with no beginning or end.

_____, I offer you my hand, my heart, and my soul as I know they will be safe with you.

_____, I offer you my hand, my heart, and my soul as I know they will be safe with you.

Optional: Unity Candle or Sand Pouring, Communion, Readings, Special Music, etc.

Closing Remarks:

_____, Today is a day you will always remember --one of the greatest in your life. You started off this day two people in love and are ending it as husband and wife. This day is the start of a brand new journey, with many moments to cherish and treasure together. Although there will be many times you both disagree, these will surely be outweighed by the pleasure.

So live happy forever as lovers and friends, it is the

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Testimonials

Jeff

Thank you so much for giving us the most perfect wedding ceremony. It was absolutely exactly what we wanted, but I don't think we even realized that until you were here! Again, thank you so much for giving us a day we will never forget."

Jerry and Tiffany

Dear Can-A-Lope

Thank u so much for your help, Rev Bill was wonderful and made our ceremony as amazing as we imagined.

Ermis and Alvaro Effort PA

dawn of a brand new life for you, as you stand there together with love in your eyes from the moment you said "I do." With faith, all your hopes and your dreams will be real. May success, health and true happiness find its way to you! Tomorrow can bring you some of your greatest joys, but today is the day it all starts.

**Wedding Prayer or Blessing:
(Optional)**

Congratulations:

And Have A Great Life Together

Pronouncement:

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Sharon Hogan Michigan

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Chapter 8: Marriage Vow Renewal Ceremony

**Processional:
(Optional)**

**Opening Prayer:
(Optional)**

Introduction

Family & Friends, we have gathered here today with _____ to give thanks for the gift of marriage. Good relationships never stop growing. Like fine wine, they get better with age.

_____, you have been married

_____ and through all the years of your journey together, you have now come to this beautiful setting, so that you could renew your commitment of love for each other.

No marriage is perfect. As you continue in this union, you already know that it will continue to take a lot of love and work to keep your relationship an on going success.

Many couples tend to think of marriage as a 50/50 proposition. Actually, the best relationships are 90/10. If you both will give 90% and take only 10%, you will have a formula to continue to bring both of you happiness for a lifetime.

As you continue on your journey together, I ask you to remember this advice:

Let your love be stronger than your anger.

Testimonials

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Remember that true friendship is the basis for any lasting relationship.

Give your spouse the same courtesies and kindness you bestow on your friends.

And don't forget to say "I love you " every day. The Meaning of your Names

Exchange of vows:

With this understanding, do you _____, continue to take _____ as your beloved wife? Will you continue to be a tender, faithful husband? Will you continue to love and cherish her, in sickness and in health, in prosperity and in adversity, for better or for worse, keeping yourself only for her, as long as you both shall live??

With this understanding, do you _____, continue to take _____ as your beloved husband? Will you continue to be a tender, faithful wife? Will you continue to love and cherish him, in sickness and in health, in prosperity and in adversity, for better or for worse, keeping yourself only for him, as long as you both shall live??

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Testimonials

"To Can-A-Lope
Thank you so much for helping
to make our big day so special.
It wouldn't have the same
without your service!"
Michael & Kristen Garber

"Hello
This is Crystal Terrell I reserved
Mrs. LuAnne Parrish for 10-10-
2009...for Avery wedding @ the
Dynasty Banquet Hall in
Hammond Indiana. She was
great Funny and wonderful the
wedding party was more that
pleased with the service please
thank her once again for us."
**Crystal Terrell Hammond
Indiana**

Wedding Rings:

_____ you have rings as the outward
symbols of your ongoing commitment to love each
other.

From earliest times, the ring has been a symbol of
wedded love. An unbroken and never-ending circle
symbolizes a commitment to love, that is also never
ending.

_____, hold _____ hand, touch her ring,
symbolically giving it to her again, and say to her
these words. From this day on, I recommit myself to
you, and may this ring forever be a symbol of my
growing love. I promise to always stand by your side
as your partner, your love and your best friend.

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symbolically giving it to him again, and say to him
these words. From this day on, I recommit myself to
you, and may this ring forever be a symbol of my
growing love. I promise to always stand by your side
as your partner, your love and your best friend.

Let these rings serve not as keys, unlocking the
secrets of your hearts for each other to know, and
thus bringing you closer together forever.

Optional:

(Can add reading, poem, song, unity candle, communion here.)



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Closing Remarks:

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Prayer of St. Francis Or Another Reading Of Your Choice

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is desire, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy' O Divine Master,

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

_____, having witnessed your vows of affirmation with all who are assembled here, and
By the authority invested in me, I do affirm that you have expressed your desire to continue as husband and wife.

You may seal your vows with a kiss.

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**Thank you again, Rachel and
Zach Caselman**

**Ladies and gentleman, it is my honor to present to
you once again as husband and wife:**

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Chapter 9: Handfasting Ceremony

Who gives this woman to be Married?

We are here today, to witness and participate in a ceremony celebrating the public acknowledgment of a love which _____ and _____ have for each other. Knowing that by our presence here, with them, we are saying that they are loved by many. This celebration is for the union of these two hearts and minds. It is a celebration of the joining of two souls already attuned to each other. When such a true bond already exists between a man and a woman, it is fitting that an outer acknowledgement be made.

We are here to bear witness to their entry into the covenant relationship of husband and wife, of these beloved friends, who are already one in spirit.

Since your lives have crossed you have formed ties between each other. The promises you make today and the ties that are bound here will cross the years and greatly strengthen your union. With full awareness, know that you declare your intent to be married before your friends and families. I bid you to join hands and look into one another's eyes.

_____ will you honor him?

_____ will you honor her?

Will you seek to never give cause to break that honor?

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**And so the bond is made. (First cord is draped
across**

hands)

_____ will you share his dreams?

_____ will you share her dreams?

**Will you dream together to create new realities and
hopes?**

**And so the bond is made. (Second cord is draped
across**

hands)

_____ will you share his laughter?

_____ will you share her laughter?

**Will both of you look for the brightness in life and
the positive in each other? And so the bond is made.
(Third cord is draped across hands)**

_____ might you ever burden him?

Is that your intent?

_____ might you ever burden her?

Is that your intent?

**Will you share the burdens of each other so that
your spirits may grow in this union?**

And so the bond is made. (Fourth cord is draped

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**Crystal Terrell Hammond
Indiana**

across hands)

_____ might you ever cause him pain?

Is that your intent?

_____ might you ever cause her pain?

Is that your intent?

**Will you share each other's pain and seek to ease
it? And so the bond is made. (Fifth cord is draped
across hands)**

_____ might you ever cause him anger?

Is that your intent?

_____ might you ever cause her anger?

Is that your intent?

**Will you together take the heat of anger and use it
to temper the**

strength of this union?

**And so the bond is made. (Sixth cord is draped
across hands)**

**This bond is not formed by these cords, but rather
by your vows. For always, you hold in your own
hands the making or breaking of this union.**

(the cords are removed and placed on the stand.)

Your Expression of Intent the I Do's: / Vows

**Do you _____ take _____ to be your Wife, to live
together in marriage; will you love her, comfort her,**

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honor and keep her, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity; and forsaking all others, to be faithful to her, until death do you part?

Do you ____ take ____ to be your Husband, to live together in marriage; will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity; and forsaking all others, to be faithful to him, until death do you part?

____ I promise to always stand by your side as your partner, your love and your best friend. I give you all my trust and all my tomorrows. I will always cherish you and I promise my love for you is forever.

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May we please have the rings

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gold is symbolic of that which is pure and the diamonds are symbolic of what is permanent and incorruptible.

Today you have chosen to exchange rings, as a sign of the love you have for each other and a seal of the promises you are making this day.

____ I give you this ring, as a symbol and a

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reminder of my commitment to you. As you receive this ring, receive my promise to love and cherish you always. And with this ring, I thee wed.

_____ I give you this ring, as a symbol and a reminder of my commitment to you. As you receive this ring, receive my promise to love and cherish you always. And with this ring, I thee wed.

Signing of the marriage license /witnesses (optional)

You are now taking into your care and keeping the happiness of the one person in the entire world whom you love most. You are adding to your life not only the affection of each other, but also the love and companionship of someone with whom you can share in an intimate and trusting way all the hopes, joys, and dreams of life. Real love is laying down your lives for each other.

It is the expression that your thoughts, feelings and desires are one. It makes you stronger, so you can be involved with life in ways you dare not risk alone.

Closing Poem:

Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens. A good marriage must be created. It is never being too old to hold hands. It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day. It is never going to sleep angry. It is at no time taking one another for granted. The courtship should not end with the honeymoon. It should continue through all the years. It is having a mutual

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"Jeff,
Thank you for playing such a big role in a wedding that we are very happy about. You did a great job..... All of our guests agree. The money and the card was very nice of you and you in no way needed to do that. We had some good coffee in Nashville. Thanks!!"
Adam and Wendy
Springfield, Mo

"Jeff,
Thank you for performing our ceremony on our big day. We greatly appreciate it. Best of Luck!"
Jeff and Kelly Charlotte, NC

sense of values and common objectives. It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family. It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways. It is being friends and respecting each other's individual personality. It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding, and a big sense of humor. It is having the capacity to forgive and forget. It is finding room for things of the spirit. It is a common search for the good and the beautiful. It is not only marrying the right partner, it is in being the right partner.

Prayer of Blessing On Your Marriage (optional)

Congratulations:

Have A great Honeymoon And have A Wonderful Life Together:

(Pronouncement)

And now as you enter the greatest journey of your life:

In as much as you both have agreed to enter the marriage relationship, having said your vows with devoted hearts, you have given and received rings as tokens of your love, it is now my honor and privilege, with full authority, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

You may now Kiss Your Bride!

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Chapter 10: Civil - Justice of The Peace Ceremony

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Introduction:

**Who gives this woman to be married to this man?
(Optional)**

Family & Friends, we have gathered here today with _____ and _____ to give thanks for the gift of marriage and to share in the joy of their wedding. We are gathered here today to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, to give recognition to the worth and beauty of love, and to add our best wishes to the words which shall unite _____ and _____ in marriage.

To love is to enter a whole New World, a world of togetherness, a world of sharing.... All that is dearest and deepest within your hearts.

To love is to remember and keep alive forever all those unique qualities that drew you to one another in the beginning.... the thrill of discovery.... That wonderful feeling of oneness when your eyes met.

To love is to constantly search for new ways to bring each other to happiness, to make the most of every moment you share together, and marvel at how your feelings for one another keep rising to new dimensions.

To love is to create an oasis of tranquility for one another and a quiet place, apart from others, where you need not pretend...where you can be

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**yourselves.... And know within your hearts, you will
be accepted by one another.**

**To love is to greet each day with
anticipation...Always eager for another opportunity
to share new adventures...And gather up new
memories together.**

**To love is to follow the rainbow through the rain, to
be able to laugh at yourselves and be willing to
say...."I was wrong, I'm sorry" ...To forgive, and more
importantly, to FORGET, and to always believe and
trust in one another.**

**To love is to watch with wonder all the miracles of
creation, to find beauty in all the simple things of
life, and to find, within ourselves, a deeper
appreciation and a new awareness of how
wonderful it is to be alive, To be happy, To be
together.**

**To love is to come together from the pathways of
our past and then move forward.. Hand in hand,
along the uncharted roads of our future, ready to
risk, to dream, and to dare....**

**And always believe that all things are possible with
faith and love.**

**Exchange of vows:
(Or you can say your own vows.)**

_____ and _____ will now exchange their vows:

Bride/Groom Repeat:

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**Do you _____; take this woman, to live together in
marriage; will you love her, comfort her, honor and
keep her, in health and in sickness, in prosperity
and in adversity; and forsaking all others, to be
faithful to her, so long as you shall live?? I DO**

**Do you _____; take this man, to live together in
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and keep him, in health and in sickness, in
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The Wedding Ring Exchange:

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**_____ as you place this ring on her finger repeat
after me. Groom recites: May this ring forever be a
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_____ **As you place this ring on his finger repeat after me. Bride recites: May this ring forever be a symbol of my growing love for you. Please wear it as a sign to the world that you are my husband. With this ring I thee wed.**

Optional: Unity Candle or Sand Pouring, Readings, Special Music, etc.

In Closing:

As you begin your marriage, here are a few words to encourage:

Remember being a Bride and Groom is for a day; but being a husband & wife is a lifetime commitment.

Let your love be stronger than your anger.

Learn the wisdom of compromise, for it is better to bend than to break. Marriage without compromise is guaranteed conflict.

Believe the best of your partner rather than the worst.

Confide in your partner and ask for help when you need it.

Remember that true friendship is the basis for any lasting Relationship. If you would give your spouse the same courtesies and kindness you bestow on your friends, you definitely will have a marriage that will last forever.

And don't forget to say "I love you" every day.

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May life grant you a whole lot of patience, wisdom and understanding in your marriage.

Congratulations

Have a wonderful Life Together

Pronouncement:

And now as you enter the greatest journey of your life: In as much as you all have agreed to enter the marriage relationship, having exchanged vows, and have given and received rings as tokens of your love. I, now by the authority committed unto me, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

YOU MAY NOW KISS YOUR BRIDE:

Presentation of Couple:

Ladies and gentleman, I now present to you _____

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Testimonials

"Hi Jeff and Cindy!

I wanted to let you know how wonderful everyone thought you were during our wedding ceremony. Your wit and friendly presentation is what most feedback has been about and it was exactly the laid back ceremony Shawn and I were hoping for. In fact, when asked about how we knew you and I told them I found you in the internet, no one could believe it! They thought you knew us and I said, "Nope...he just took really good notes"!

Thanks again for making our day very special. Take care!

"To Holly!

Thank you for making our wedding day special. Even though it was a such a short notice it turned out very nice and Holly was great."

Happy Bride Pittsburgh PA

Chapter 10: Sample Ceremony Inserts & Readings

Unity Candle Lighting #1:

_____ and _____

the two separate candles in front of you, symbolizes your separate lives, separate families and friends. The individual candle represents your lives before today. Lighting the center candle represents that your lives are now joined together as one and represents also the joining together of your two families and friends.

Blending of The Sands or Unity Sand Pouring #1:

_____ and _____

the two separate containers of sand, symbolizes your separate lives, separate families and friends. The individual container represents your lives before today. Pouring the sand into the separate container symbolizes that your lives are now joined together as one and represents also the joining together of your two families and friends.

Blending of The Sands or Unity Sand Pouring #2:

Bride and Groom Before you met, your lives were on separate roads, each going in different directions and seemingly leading to different destinations. But somewhere along the way you met, fell in love, and today you find yourselves standing together at the entrance of a new path that

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Testimonials

"To Bill Lunberg!

Hi I just wanted to let you know that our wedding was beautiful Bill was so great he provided fantastic services my wedding ceremony was perfect."

**Joanne & Conrad
Stroudsburg, PA**

"Hi Paul,

Brian and I are doing fantastic! Thank you so much for everything. The wedding day was everything I ever dreamed of, but I must say that the wedding ceremony was beyond my expectations. Thank you so much for making our wedding ceremony so special. It really means so much to me and my family that we were able to incorporate various traditions into our wedding ceremony. You listened to everything we wanted and took it to the next level. I am so happy we found you! I will send you pictures soon!"

**Love, Maria Christine Collin
Houston TX**

will forever join your once separate journeys into one.

Before each of you there is a container of sand. Each represents the separate journeys you once were on, as well as your own sets of friends and families that once were apart. In a moment I will ask that you both blend your individual containers of sand together ... representing the coming together of your friends and family, through your marriage, into one. And as the sand is blended into one container, your once solitary journeys will now be one of companionship, as you walk a single path together into your future.

Bride and Groom "I now ask that you blend your containers of sand together. (the sand is now poured) As the sand has blended together, your lives are now joined, your separate journeys through life are now one. Your friends and family are as one as well, for now you will share those who are in your lives and will walk hand-in-hand along the path of your marriage - united and strong as husband and wife, as inseparable as these grains of sand.

Blending of The Sands or Unity Sand Pouring #3:

Bride and Groom now come forth to seal their relationship through the mixing of the sands. Just as your two lives joined together become one, so will the individual sands become one as they are poured. It would be impossible to separate these sands, just as it would be impossible to separate

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Testimonials

"To Sherri Oliver,
I wanted you to know how much we enjoyed Sheri doing our wedding ceremony. She made it very personal to both Danny and I, and there was even a laugh or two during the service because she was so "dead on" with some of the vows. We have enclosed some pictures of her performing our ceremony that you may use. One even shows her smiling, which was a concern of ours (remember?) when we booked her."

Thanks so much! Debbie and Danny Lewis Aberdeen, WA

"Jeff,
Thank You for officiating our ceremony. The day was fantastic, thank you for helping make it so."

Rachel & Clark SPFG MO

Bride and Groom after today. This covenant is a relationship pledge between two people who love each other heartily and who agree that they will commit themselves to one another throughout their lives

God's Knot – Cord of Three Strands

What is the Cord of Three Strands Ceremony?

The cord of three strands symbolizes the joining of one man, one woman, and God into a marriage relationship. Marriage takes three; you, your soon to be spouse, and God. It was God who taught us to love. By keeping Him at the center of your marriage, His love will continue to bind you together as one throughout your marriage.

The cord of three strands ceremony is a great addition to a traditional wedding ceremony. It adds a truly unique element to your ceremony that friends and family will remember. It can also serve as a substitute for the unity candle. This is useful for situations where candles may not be used, or may be difficult. The Cord of Three Strands works well as a substitute in outside weddings.

At some point in the wedding ceremony, the bride and groom braid the Cord of Three Strands together. The groom holds a small metal ring with three attached strands. The bride then braids the strands together, symbolizing the union of God, husband and wife. The colors of the cords is significant.

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Testimonials

"Jeff,
Thanks so much for the beautiful ceremony that you facilitated for Ken & myself. Thanks also for the money and the nice card. It was a very special day! We hope you enjoyed the cruise."
Ken & Stacy Branson MO

"Jeff,
Thank you for your services. The microphone thing cracked me up. We all enjoyed the service and are glad you stayed for the reception. I hope you had a good time."
Shawn and Vicki Bolivar MO

The following readings are provided as a sample of what can be read during the braiding of the Cord of Three Strands. You may certainly use these or develop your own!

Cord Of 3 Strands Reading - Option 1

Today, [name of groom] and [name of bride] have chosen to braid three strands together into a single cord. Each strand has a significant meaning.

The Gold Strand represents God and His majesty.

The Purple Strand represents the groom and his life.

The White Strand represents the bride and her life.

In braiding these three strands together, [name of groom] and [name of bride] have demonstrated that their marriage is more than a joining of two lives together. It is a unity with God as well. They have chosen to allow God to be at the center of their marriage, woven into every aspect of it.

As Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 reads, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

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Testimonials

"Mr and Mrs DeBlase,
I wanted to thank you again for making our wedding ceremony so special. I couldn't have imagined a better ceremony. I also wanted to thank Mrs. DeBlase for helping us all walk down the aisle at the right time."

Chris & Christine Nixa MO

Thank you so very much for making Aug 12 a special day for us. We will remember that day a life time, as we have a lot of memories together. Well if you two are ever here in Florida, please look us up. We are South Florida. I am back home now, Greg is still in MO hoping he will be able to transfer soon. Lord bless and keep up the Lord's work you are doing. The Lord has a lot in store for you and your family."

Greg and Donna Waynesville MO

Cord Of 3 Strands Reading – Option 2

The braiding of the three strands demonstrates how [name of groom] and [name of bride] are joined by God in marriage. Each strand holds special meaning.

The Gold Strand symbolizes that the Lord Jesus has been invited by [name of groom] and [name of bride] to the position of authority in this marriage relationship.

The Purple Strand represents the groom. It illustrates the majesty of God as head over the husband. As [name of groom] submits himself to the Lord, the Lord in turn will hold the marriage together through him.

The White Strand represents the bride. It illustrates the purity of the bride of Christ. As each has received Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, they are cleansed through Christ.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 reads, "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend

themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Today, [name of groom] and [name of bride] have been woven together by God as ONE in marriage!

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Jeff
Thank you so much for giving us the most perfect wedding ceremony. It was absolutely exactly what we wanted, but I don't think we even realized that until you were here! Again, thank you so much for giving us a day we will never forget."

Jerry and Tiffany

Dear Can-A-Lope
Thank u so much for your help, Rev Bill was wonderful and made our ceremony as amazing as we imagined.

Ernis and Alvaro Effort PA

THE Lasso Ceremony

This tradition is usually associated with Hispanic and Filipino families. Lasso (sometimes called, "lazo") or rope is placed around the bride and groom's shoulders (groom's shoulder's first) in the form of an "8" (the infinity symbol) - after they have exchanged their vows - to symbolize their everlasting union. This is usually done by the officiant, however, family members can also take part in this ritual. The couple wears the lasso throughout the remainder of the service.

Optional The Bride and Groom kneel before the minister.

Minister: _____ and _____ have chosen to incorporate the Lasso ritual into their wedding ceremony today. The Lasso is a wedding ritual in which the couple are bound together with a ceremonial rosary. Lassoing is a declaration of intent, where the bride and groom clearly state that they are marrying of their own free will

_____ and _____ since your lives have crossed in this life, you have formed eternal and sacred bonds. As you enter this state of matrimony you should strive to make real the ideals that to you, give meaning to this ceremony and to the institution of marriage.

With full awareness, know that within this Lasso you are not only declaring your intent to be bound together before your friends and family, but you speak that intent also to God.

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The promises made today and the ties that are bound here greatly strengthen your union and will cross the years and lives of each soul's growth.

_____ and _____, I ask you to hold hands and look into each others eyes.

Will you honor and respect one another, and seek to never break that honor?

Will you share each other's pain and seek to ease it?

Will you share the burdens of each so that your spirits may grow in this union?

Will you share each other's laughter, and look for the brightness in life and the positive in each other?

Bride & Groom: We will

Minister drapes the Lasso in the form of an "8" around the shoulders of the Bride and Groom.

Minister: _____ and _____, as you are bound together now, so too your lives and spirits are joined in a union of everlasting love and trust. Above you are the stars and below you is the earth. Like the stars your love should be a constant source of light, and like the earth, a firm foundation from which to grow.

Minister offers a prayer, removes the Lasso before the Bride and Groom rise, then presents the Lasso to the Groom who will later give it to the Bride. (The Bride will carry her bouquet as they walk together

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down the aisle).

Family Vows 1:

As their dearest family and friends, it is our honor and privilege to stand witness to this event. This day is made possible not only because of your love for each other, but through the grace and support of your family and friends. It is our hope that your fulfillment and joy in each other and in yourselves will increase with every passing year.

The marriage of _____ means the creation of a new home and a new family. As such, it becomes all the more important to recognize the significance of a devoted and supportive extended family. They have therefore asked that each of you pledge a vow of support for their marriage.

So I ask . . . will each one of you here today do all that is in your power to support and encourage _____ in fulfilling the promises they make here today - if so, please respond by saying, "We will."

Family Vows 2:

_____ are very honored to have you here at their wedding. As they begin their new lives together it will take lots of love and support from family and friends to help them on their journey. On behalf of _____, if you promise to love and support them in their marriage, Say I

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"To Can-A-Lope
Thank you so much for helping
to make our big day so special.
It wouldn't have the same
without your service!"
Michael & Kristen Garber

"Hello
This is Crystal Terrell I reserved
Mrs. LuAnne Parrish for 10-10-
2009...for Avery wedding @ the
Dynasty Banquet Hall in
Hammond Indiana. She was
great Funny and wonderful the
wedding party was more that
pleased with the service please
thank her once again for us."
**Crystal Terrell Hammond
Indiana**

Do.....

Family Vows 3:

Now that you have heard ____ and ____ recite their vows, do you, their family and friends, promise, from this day forward to encourage them and love them, and to help guide and support them in being steadfast in the promises they have made?" "We do."

Ceremony of the Rose (The First Gift):

The Ceremony of the Rose symbolizes the merging of the Bride's and Groom's families. When the Bride enters, she has in her possession two roses, usually red. As she approaches the altar, the Bride will stop and offer a rose and a kiss to her mother or significant mother figure. In doing so she is expressing her gratitude for preparing her for this moment and for receiving the man she is about to marry into her family. When the wedding ceremony has ended and she and the Groom exit, the Bride will stop and offer a rose and a kiss to the Groom's mother or significant mother figure. In doing this, she is expressing her gratitude for preparing her new husband for this moment and for receiving her into the Groom's family. A variation you may consider is to present both roses either upon the entrance or upon the exit.

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"Dear Reverend Jim
Hope all is well. We got our pictures back from our 35th wedding anniversary celebration, and thought you may enjoy seeing a few of them. It was very nice chatting with you before and after the ceremony. You made our 35th vow renewal very special."
Best regards, Fred and Nancy Walker Lake Geneva Wisconsin

"Can-A-Lope Wedding Ministers
It has already been a year since you performed our wedding ceremony (Jeff DeBlase), and it has been a wonderful year of marriage, and we look forward to many more years together. Thank You for the services you provide. I also enjoyed reading your book "Born To Raze Hell"
May God bless you all in all that you do."
**Dr. & Mrs. Mark Stuppy
Springfield MO**

The Blessing Of The Hands

Bride, take Groom's hands palms up, So you may see the gift they are to you: These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and vibrant with love, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as he promises to love you all the days of his life. 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 work alongside yours, as we build our future together. These are the hands that will hold you whenever illness, fear, or grief may find you. These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it. These are the hands that will tenderly hold our children. These are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged, will still be reaching for yours

Now Groom, please take Brides's hands, palms up, so you may see the gift that they are to you: These are the hands of your best friend, smooth, young, and carefree, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as she promises to love you all the days of her life. 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 work alongside yours, as we build our future together. These are the hands that will hold you whenever illness, fear, or grief may find you. These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it. These are the hands that will tenderly hold our children. These are the hands that even when

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Thank you so much for your letter! We celebrated our 1st anniversary on June 14th this year.. and I have a couple of pictures of Dale on our horse.. if you remember we had a horseback wedding in Mt Vernon. He was awesome and very pleasant and gentle and kind! Very sweet to our vows and I will never forget it!! Thank you very much."
**Walt and Sherry Wingfield
Mt Vernon MO**

"Jeff and Cindy,
Thank you so much for making our wedding day beautiful and amazing. We truly cannot thank you enough, and we are highly recommending you to all of our friends who might be looking for a minister/officiant for their wedding. You truly made the day special."
Thank you again, Rachel and Zach Caselman

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The Butterfly Legend Release

If anyone desires a wish to come true they must first capture a butterfly and whisper that wish to it. As a butterfly can make no sound, the butterfly cannot reveal the wish to anyone but the Great Spirit who hears and sees all. In gratitude for giving the beautiful butterfly freedom, the Great Spirit will always grant the wish. So according to legend, by making a wish and giving the butterfly freedom, the wish will be taken to the heavens to be granted. We have gathered to grant this couple all our best wishes and are about to set these butterflies free in trust that all these wishes will be granted.

Handfasting : (Celtic)

Have you ever wondered where the words "tying the knot" come from? The expression "tying the knot" refers to the traditional Celtic marriage ritual of Handfasting. Handfasting is an ancient Celtic word for wedding, and was recognized as a binding contract of marriage between a man and a woman before weddings became a legal function of the responsibility of the church.

Blessing Stones:

The ritual of the Blessing Stones, or Wishing Stones, is a wonderful way to include everyone in the wedding by way of offering blessings and good wishes to the newlyweds. It also is a good way to ensure that everyone will make contact with the

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Bride and Groom at some point during the day. This ritual may be performed at the actual ceremony itself (before the final blessing), or at the conclusion of the service (in a receiving line manner), or later at the reception. When guests arrive at the ceremony, they are given a Blessing Stone along with a note card with words printed on it such as: "My wish for you is ..." or "May you be blessed with ..." or "May God bless you with ..." At some point during the ceremony the guests will share their blessing or wish for the couple and toss the stone into a Blessing Bowl, Wishing Well, a fountain (or whatever is chosen to hold the stones. The notes with the blessings may be placed into a basket or decorative box for the couple to reflect on later. Many couples keep their Blessing Stones in a special place in their home to remind them of all the love, good wishes, and blessings shared at their ceremony.



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Ceremony Readings (examples)

Let's Grow Old Together By Denise Braxton Brown and Peggy Wrightsman:

Let's grow old together, beginning with today. Let's work slowly with each other and build a relationship that we can both enjoy being a part of. Let's share love and understanding that neither of us is perfect; we are both subject to human frailties. Let's hold each other close and whisper through the night, pledging our love, honoring our commitment. Let's encourage each other to pursue our dreams, even when we're weary from trying. Let's expect the best that we both have to give and still love when we fall short of our expectations. Let's be friends and respect each other's individual personality. Let's be candid with each other and point out strengths and weaknesses. Let's be friends as well as lovers. Let's never take for granted these moments that we've shared, but always be reminded of how intensely we have learned to live, and how we have learned to love each other. Let your journey together grow sweeter by the day. Let's grow old together and look back on life and smile.

Happiness In Marriage:

Happiness in marriage is not something that just

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happens. A good marriage must be created. In the art of marriage. It is never being too old to hold hands. It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day. It is never going to sleep angry. It is at no time taking the other for granted; the courtship shouldn't end with the honeymoon, it should continue through all the years. It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives; It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family. It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways. It is being friends and respecting each other's individual personality. It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding and a big sense of humor. It is having the capacity to forgive and forget. It is finding room for things of the spirit. It is a common search for the good and the beautiful. It is not only marrying the right partner, it is in being the right partner.

Prayer of St. Francis:

Lord make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is desire, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy' O Divine Master, Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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Blessing For A Marriage: James Dillet Freeman

May your marriage bring you all the wonder excitements a marriage should bring. And may life grant you also patience, tolerance, and understanding. May you always need one another - meeting each others needs. May you need one another, but not out of weakness. May you want one another, but not out of lack. May you entice one another, but not compel one another. My you embrace one another, but not encircle one another. May you succeed in all important ways with one another, and not fail in the little graces. May you look for things to praise, often say, "I love you,; and take not notice to small faults. If you have quarrels that push you apart, may both of you hope to have the good sense to take the first step back. May you enter into the mystery which is the awareness of one another's presence - no more physical than spiritual, warm and near when you are side by side, warm and near when you are in separate rooms or even in distant cities. May you have happiness, and may you find it making one another happy. May you have love, and may you find it in loving one another.

New Testament I Corinthians 13:

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and I have not love, I have become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could move mountains, but have not love, I am

nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in differences, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

New Testament Ephesians 5:22-33

V.22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. V.23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. V.24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. V.25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; V.26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, V.27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. V.28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. V.29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: V.30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. V.31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. V.32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and

the church. V.33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Old Testament Gen 2:18

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Old Testament Gen 2:24

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

How Do I Love Thee: Elizabeth Barrett Browning

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways I love thee to the depth and breadth and height My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight For the ends of Being and ideal Grace. I love thee to the level of every day's Most quiet need, by the sun and candle light, I love thee freely, as men strive for right; I love thee purely, as they turn from praise. I love thee with the passion put to use In my old grief's, and with my childhood's faith, I love thee with a love I seem to lose With my lost saints - I love thee with the breath, Smiles, tears, of all my life - and, if God choose, I shall but love them better after death.

Let us not ask too much, Clifford Gessler:

Let us know how not to ask too much of each other, Share body and mind and spirit without giving up freedom, Love without trying to absorb, be kind yet

**not smother with kindness, Walk together, but
neither retard the other's pace. I would not lead one
who did not choose to follow Or follow one who
demanded that I be led. The spark of selfhood, that
high and precious thing, Let us not dampen it with
scorn or blame: Each his own master and the two of
us richer, dearer because of it But neither sunk
passively in the other, That alone is true mating.**

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