

## Opening

We are gathered here today to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, the joining of two hearts. In this ceremony today we will witness the joining GROOM/BRIDE and GROOM/BRIDE in marriage. Today we have come together to witness the joining of these two lives.

For them, out of the routine of ordinary life, the extraordinary has happened. They met each other, fell in love and are finalizing it with their wedding today. Romance is fun, but true love is something far more and it is their desire to love each other for life and that is what we are celebrating here today.

But today is also a celebration for the rest of us, for it is a pleasure for us to see love in bloom, and to participate in the union of two people so delightfully suited to one another. And to have a couple of cocktails in the process.

So let's get on with it already!

## Words of Wisdom

A good marriage must be created.

In marriage, the "little" things are the big things.

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 standing together and facing the world.

It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.

It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.

It is not only marrying the right person -- it is being the right partner



## **VOWS (face each other and hold hands)(repeat after me)**

I, GROOM/BRIDE take you GROOM/BRIDE to be my husband/wife, my partner in life and my one true love. I will cherish our friendship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

I will trust you and honor you

I will laugh with you and cry with you.

I will love you faithfully

Through the best and the worst,

Through the difficult and the easy.

Whatever may come I will always be there.

As I have given you my hand to hold

So I give you my life to keep

I, GROOM/BRIDE take you GROOM/BRIDE to be my Husband/Wife, my partner in life and my one true love. I will cherish our friendship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

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GROOM/BRIDE AND GROOM/BRIDE I would ask that you always treat yourself and each other with respect, and remind yourselves often of what brought you together today.

Give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness, and kindness that your marriage deserves. When frustration and difficulty assail your marriage - as they do to every relationship at one time or another - focus on what still seems right between you, not only the part that seems wrong.

This way, when clouds of trouble hide the sun in your lives and you lose sight of it for a moment, you can remember that the sun is still there. And if each of you will take responsibility for the quality of your life together, it will be marked by abundance and happiness.



## **I Do's**

GROOM/BRIDE do you take GROOM/BRIDE to be your awful wedded  
Husband/Wife? ("I do")

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him/her, and be  
faithful to him/her? ("I do")

Do you promise to take out the trash and pick up your clothes off the  
floor? ("I do")

And Do you promise to love him/her even when he/she is cranky("I  
do")

GROOM/BRIDE do you take GROOM/BRIDE to be your awful wedded  
Husband/Wife? ("I do")

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him/her, and be  
faithful to him/her? ("I do")

Do you Promise not to whine at him/her when he/she forgets to take  
out the trash or pick up his clothes from the floor? ("I do")

And do you promise to love him/her after he/she has been out all night  
with the boys/girls? ("I do")

### **Ring Exchange (who has the rings) (repeat after me)**

There are 3 rings of marriage. The wedding ring, The Engagement  
ring, and the suffering. We hope the latter can be held to a minimum.

I GROOM/BRIDE, take thee, GROOM/BRIDE to be my Husband/Wife,  
to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer,  
in joy and sorrow, and I promise My love to you. And with this ring, I  
take you as my Husband/Wife, for as long as we both shall live.

I GROOM/BRIDE, take thee GROOM/BRIDE, to be my Husband/Wife.  
To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer,  
in joy and sorrow, and I promise My love to you. And with this ring, I  
take you as my Husband/Wife, for as long as we both shall live.



## **Closing Comments**

To make your relationship work will take love. This is the core of your marriage and why you are here today.

It will take trust, to know, that in your hearts, you truly want what is best for each other.

It will take dedication, to stay open to one another - and to learn and grow together.

It will take faith, to go forward together, without knowing exactly what the future brings.

And it will take commitment, to hold true to the journey you both have pledged to today.

By the power vested in me, I now pronounce you . . . . .

## **The Kiss**

You may kiss your HUSBAND/WIFE.  
I will like to introduce the happy couple