

Wedding Ceremony Used For Couple And A Few Friends/Family

Welcome friends and family,

_____ & _____
have come here today/tonight in the presence of God, to join together in holy matrimony.

True marriage is more than the joining in the bonds of matrimony of two people. It its right relation, it is the uniting of two souls already attuned to each other. When such a true bond already exist, it is proper that an outer acknowledgment be made. This acknowledgment is the prime object of this ceremony. We are here to bear witness to the entry into the closer relationship of two beloved friends, who are already one in spirit.

We come to celebrate something which has not yet come into being - a true and mutual marriage. We are suspended in this moment between a beginning and a full unfolding. And yet, this moment, a mere fragment of time, is filled with meaning, hope and great expectancy.

The relationship between the two of you will keep growing and changing - realize that you are two separate people with different ideas; and that you don't belong to each other, but that you belong with each other and share a mutual bond.

By entering into this covenant, you pledge to each other your love and your whole lives.

So I say, offer what is of most value to each other -your joy, your dreams, your tenderness, and your reaching out. Even your disappointments, when faced together, can be a path to greater understanding. By a mutual commitment to love one another, to work towards creating an atmosphere of care and consideration and respect you can make your married life come alive.

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Remember then that love is the source of strength -being together in good times and being together in bad times.

Love is the source of unity - an understanding so complete that you feel as if you are a part of the other person, accepting the other person just the way they are and not trying to change them to be something else. Love is the source of sharing - giving and taking in a daily situation, being patient with each other's needs and desires.

Love is the source of security - knowing that the other person will always be with you regardless of what happens.

So, _____ & _____
love deeply, but let not your love be possessive. Love wisely...so you do not hurt each other. Love generously ...without thought of getting in return. Love highly... so your eyes see only good and by so doing you will bring much harmony and joy into your marriage.

And now, will you join me in prayer. Father, at every turning of life's way, we stop to seek Your guidance and Your blessing. We give thanks for Your indwelling love that shines brightly forth from

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as they come forward now to consecrate and dedicate their life together. We know Your constant presence will bless them all the days of their lives. Amen.

The estate of wedlock is a holy one, not to be entered into lightly, and only under the guidance of infinite wisdom and divine love.

Optional — Who gives this bride in marriage?

Minister to groom - Do you _____ take _____ to be your wedded wife, to love her unconditionally, to inspire her with courage and true thoughts, and always to be unto her an understanding friend? Please signify by saying "I Do."

Minister to Bride - Do you _____ take _____ to be your husband, to love him unconditionally, to inspire him with courage and true thoughts, and to be unto him an understanding friend? Please signify by saying IDo.

May I have the rings please? Couple faces one another -

These rings by their shape are a symbol of eternity, without beginning or end, and are a true emblem of the undying love that shall exist between you.

Minister to groom- _____, as you place to ring on _____ finger, please repeat after me.....this ring I give you, in token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love. With it, I bestow upon you, all the treasures of my mind and heart.

Minister to bride- _____ .as you place the ring on _____ finger, please repeat after me.....this ring I give you, in token and pledge, of our constant faith and abiding love. With it, I bestow upon you, all the treasures of my mind and heart.

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May your marriage bring you all the exquisite excitement a marriage should bring, and may life grant you also patience, tolerance, and understanding. May you always 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. May you embrace one another, but not encircle one another. May you look for things to praise, and often say, "I love you" and take no notice of small faults. If you have quarrels that push you apart, may both of you hope to have good sense enough 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, and warm and near when you are in separate rooms or even distant cities. May you have happiness, and may you find it making one another happy. May you have love, and may you find it loving one another. We thank God, for His presence here with us and His blessing on this marriage.

“What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

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May the light of God surround you. The love of God enfold you. The power of God protect you. The presence of God watch over you. And wherever you are may you know your oneness with each other and your oneness with God.

And now....

And under the authority of the law of our land and in the name of God, who performs every true marriage, I pronounce you, husband and wife, partners in life.

You may now kiss.

And I have the great honor to present Mr and Mrs _____