

REDEDICATION OF MARRIAGE VOWS

_____ this is a special occasion for all of you, so let us begin with a special word. of prayer. At this time you may wish to close your eyes and. turn your thoughts within yourselves.

“Our Heavenly Father, we acknowledge your presence with us as the unifying power of love which brought these individuals together and continued to sustain. and strengthen them through the years. We express gratitude for the blessing of your eternal love so freely given to their marriage and we know it will continue through all the days to come. In the nature of the living Christ, Amen.”

It is the pleasure, the joy, and the honor of your friends gathered here to give to you a blessing as you again make a rededication to each other and to God.

In your wedded state, in your life together, you are truly the “fruit of the Spirit”. You help to form the solid foundation of society. You have demonstrated to all that the God—ordained estate of marriage is a blessed. privilege and a responsibility that is not thoughtlessly or lightly to be entered into, nor unthinkingly or selfishly laid aside.

As husband. and wife, you are examples of the Unity of purpose that works through love and. faith. From the Family of God you have chosen each other to form the family of man, that God might be glorified. in you, and through you, so that your children of the flesh and. of the Spirit may arise and call you blessed.

Jesus’ first miracle was at a wedding ceremony where he turned ordinary water into life giving wine. As a united couple, you have performed miracles with each other through working toward. and attaining many goals you might have otherwise never realized. Life and marriage are a continual process, ever offering new opportunities to set goals and accomplish your heart’s unfolding desire.

I invite you now to close your eyes and take time in the quiet of your own being to rededicate yourselves in the Silence to each other, to the God of your understanding, and to the continuing new goals you have set. (Pause)

_____ and _____, whatever it is you have decided to accomplish together, know that the living Christ is with you as intelligence, life and substance, and. your success is assured.

I’d. like to read. from a poem, now, that I think is appropriate for this sacred occasion...

(“This is Friendship” or other appropriate reading)

Now, I’ll ask you to take one another’s hand and. turn so that you’re able to look into each others eyes.

In memory of that first promise you made years ago, will you now rededicate and vow anew to each other to re-consecrate yourselves to your continued. commitment of marital love?

Do you promise to share your lives and speak the Truth to each other in love; to honor and tenderly care for each other, to cherish and encourage each other's fulfillment as unique individuals through all the changes of your lives?

—— Response "I do".

Through faith, and in love, you have given much to each other. Often times you have given yourselves to the utmost. In honor of the past giving and symbolizing the continued growing bond of Christ's love between you, I invite you to share the blessing of a rose with each other. (Ask couples to exchange roses.)

A rose finds its nourishment in the secret spaces of the earth. It unfolds and blossoms only after it is exposed to the light and warmth of the sun. A rose can symbolize many things. Peace, beauty, the eternal bond. of love. The ever unfolding Christ within each other. Whatever this blossom reveals to you now, tenderly hold that thought and feeling in your heart and mind.. May you always find comfort and strength in the privacy of your marriage and. share your beauty and fragrance of life with all who touch your lives.(Song: "The Rose")

In the name of the Holy Spirit, who in truth performs and sustains every true marriage, I invite you to bow your heads as I invoke God's blessing upon you.

"The Lord. bless you and. keep you; the Lord make his face to shine unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and. give you peace. The Lord implants his spirit within you and. grants you length of days, vigor of body, deep and mutual understanding, companionship and. love, increasing with the passage of the years and in the fullness of peace."

In the Name and. through the power of the living Christ,

AMEN.