

Romantic Sunset Beach Ceremony

Welcome family and friends

We are gathered here today to celebrate one of life's greatest moments... a celebration of the joining of two hearts in love, The uniting of (Groom) and (Bride) in the bonds of marriage.

(Groom) and (Bride) have asked all of you to be with them today because each of you has played an important role in their lives. Your love, understanding and support will always be appreciated and they thank you for sharing one of the most important days of their lives... their wedding day.

Address:

Bride & Groom:

You chose a beautiful romantic place to publically proclaim your love for each. The smell of the sea, Waves rolling in lazily breaking along the shore where the seagulls fly free and the sunset slowly goes down as you proclaim your love for each other. As marriage is an event not to be taken lightly we will talk about Love, Relationships and Marriage here today.

Love

Your love came softly upon each other's hearts, just as the sea foam lies softly before us "Love is what makes two people sit in the middle of a beach when there is plenty of room at both ends to write their names in the sand. "

Relationships:

Relationships--of all kinds--are like sand held in your hand. Held loosely, with an open hand, the sand remains where it is. The minute you close your hand and squeeze tightly to hold on, the sand trickles through your fingers. You may hold onto some of it, but most will be spilled. A relationship is like that. Held loosely, with respect and freedom for the other person, it is likely to remain intact. But hold too tightly, too possessively, and the relationship slips away and is lost forever.

Marriage is one of the most precious gifts in life.

The real act of marriage takes place in the heart, not in the ballroom or church or synagogue. It's a choice you make; not just on your wedding day, but over and over again, and that choice is reflected in the way you treat your husband or wife." In marriage, we give ourselves freely into the hands of the one we love, and in doing so each of us receives the love and trust of the other as our most precious gift. You will have times of challenge, times of conflict, and times of the greatest joy. Love is the strongest bond, and the sweetest nourishment we can ever experience. Every experience you have ever had, everything you have ever done, and everything you have ever learned has brought you to this moment as you now stand before each other and your friends and family.

Reading:

Andrea Hill tells it best with her poem Love Is

"Love is..." by Andrea Hill

"More beautiful than roses
Much deeper than the seas
Stronger than a hurricane
But timid like a breeze
Real as in a picture
But yet it can't be seen
More beautiful than anything
As vivid as a dream
Precious as rare jewels
A bond between two hearts
A symphony of feelings
When time is spent apart
Sharing common interests
Working through all fears
Looking at yourself
As if two were in the mirror
Finding common ground
On issues not agreed
Giving into arguments
Tending all your needs
Being there for always
Is all I want to do
Holding you forever
Because our love is true"

Hand Blessing (optional)

(Hands Blessing Ceremony)

"[GROOM'S NAME] and [BRIDE'S NAME], please face each other and place your palms together so you may feel the gift that you are to one another."

"These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on your wedding day, as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever."

"These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future."

"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 hold you when fear or grief wracks your mind."

"These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children and support your grandchildren"

"These are the hands that will help you to hold your family as one."

"These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it."

"And lastly, these are the hands that – even when wrinkled and aged – will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch."

"Bless these hands that you see before you this day. May they always be held by one another. Give them the strength to hold on during the storms of stress and the dark of disillusionment. Keep them tender and gentle as they nurture each other in their wondrous love. Help these hands to continue building this relationship, rich in caring and devoted to reaching for perfection. May [GROOM'S NAME] and [BRIDE'S NAME] see their four hands as healer, protector, shelter and guide. May these hands and this relationship be blessed for all time."

Vows:

Please Join Hands

Option 1 : Repeat after Vows

_____, repeat after me: I, _____, take you _____, to be my wedded wife, To have and to hold from this day forward, For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, In sickness and in health, to love and to cherish as long as we both shall live.

_____, repeat after me: I, _____, take you _____, to be my wedded husband, To have and to hold from this day forward, For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, In sickness and in health, To love and to cherish as long as we both shall live.

Option 2: Respond "I Do" Vows:

Groom Do you take bride to be your wedded wife? (I DO)

Do you promise to be a tender faithful husband? (I Do)

Do you promise to Love, Honor and cherish her in sickness and in Health, for richer or poorer, for better or for worse as long as you both shall live? (I Do)

Bride Do You take Groom to be your wedded husband? (I DO)

Do you promise to be a tender faithful wife? (I Do)

Do you promise to Love, Honor and cherish him in sickness and in Health, for richer or poorer, for better or for worse as long as you both shall live? (I Do)

Option 3: Your own vows

Rings:

Rings are a precious metal; they are also made precious by us wearing them. Your wedding rings are special they enhance who you are. They mark the beginning of your long journey together. Your wedding ring is a circle a symbol of love never ending. It is the seal of the vows you have just taken to love each other with end.

_____ please place the ring on Brides left hand and repeat after me:

A: I give you this ring as a symbol of my vows, I promise to love you today tomorrow always

B: I give you this ring that I am bound to you always through my love, with my soul and all of my heart

C: I give you this ring as a sign of my love that I have chosen you above all else with this ring I thee wed

Sand Ceremony:

Sand & Seashell Ceremony

_____ & _____ you have proclaimed your love to each other through your wedding vows and exchange of rings. Your lives and your hearts have become one. As a symbol of this joining, I ask you to pick up your individual shells which represent your two separate lives and join the sand into your heart shaped vase, symbolizing the joining of your hearts in marriage. Please pour your sand and repeat after me: Just as the grains of sand are joined together I join my heart to yours.

Please seal the vase and place it in a special location in your home. This will always be a quiet reminder of the love you shared here on your wedding day. Remembering, you have sealed your love, and your hearts, as one in marriage here today.

Closing:

May you be each other's navigator in the course of life's voyages, and each other's anchor in the rough seas that may lie ahead, so that through this journey your love may have the strength of the powerful sun which can break away any dark cloud that may come your way. And as each other's mate for life, may you be at the helm of your own and each other's destiny.

Pronouncement:

Bride & Groom:

Having left your footprints in the sand here today, witnessing your vows openly before your family and friends I now pronounce you husband and wife

Kiss

You may seal your vows with a kiss

Introduction:

May I introduce to you for the first time: Mr. & Mrs. _____