

## **Celebrate Love**

### **Family & Friends**

We have come here today to celebrate love. This love is powerful enough to untie the strong entangled knot of life. It is a love which kindles our hearts with hope.

### **Address**

(Groom) and (Bride) the moment has finally arrived. It seemed an eternity ago when you first thought about this day and now it is here. You have opened your hearts to one another and now will share and celebrate that love. Today many marriages end in pain, heartache and failure. Somehow we as a society have lost the respect for marriage and what it stands for. The wedding vows which are your recipe for a successful marriage are just words to some.

The bible teaches us that marriage is a permanent relationship of one man and one women totally committed to each other, friends, companions, lovers for life. We read from the holy gospel according to Mark:

### **Reading**

#### **Two Become One Body**

(Mark 10:6-9)

From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So the, what God has united, a human being must not divide.

Your marriage can successful and it can grow deeper and stronger every day by keeping Christ in your lives. If you promise to keep a Christian home, to be faithful to each other, to laugh together and provide a shoulder for each other in times of sadness you will have many happy years together as husband and wife.

You will be saying your vows to each other in just a few moments, remember the meaning of your vows, the promise you are making for Love is the strongest feeling known, an all-encompassing passion, an extreme strength, an overwhelming excitement. Love is trying not to hurt the other person, trying not to change the other person, trying not to dominate the other person, trying not to deceive the other person. Love is understanding each other, listening to each other, supporting each other, having fun with each other Love is not an excuse to stop growing, not an excuse to stop making yourself better, not an excuse to lessen one's goals, not an excuse to take the other person for granted. Love is being completely honest with each other. Finding dreams to share, working towards common goals, sharing responsibilities equally. Everyone in the world wants to love' Love is not a feeling to be taken lightly. Love is a feeling to be cherished, nurtured and cared for' Love is the reason for life. Love is stronger than your conflicts, bigger than life's changes, the miracle always inviting you to learn, to blossom, to expand. It is to love that you must always return.

### **Declaration of Intent:**

Do you (Groom) want to marry (Bride) to happily share your life, your home, your love?

(Groom) I Do

Do you (Bride) want to marry (Groom) to happily share your life, your home, your love?

## Vows

### Please face each other and 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:

These rings are a symbol of your commitment of love. They are made of gold, expressing the purity which should always be in your marriage. They are formed in circles, expressing the unending circle of your vows and the eternal love of God. As a token of your vows:

Groom please place the ring on Bride's finger and repeat after me:

I give you (Bride) this ring as a symbol of my unending love for you. With this ring I thee wed.

Bride please place the ring on Grooms's finger and repeat after me:

I give you (Groom) this ring as a symbol of my unending love for you. With this ring I thee wed.

### Sand/ Unity/ Gods Knot here/Wine Ceremony (optional)

### Blessing

Today is the beginning of a whole new life together. A life of special moments, shared with love. Today is the beginning of countless bright tomorrow; Filled with all the special dreams you are dreaming of. May the happiness you have found together be yours throughout a lifetime of love."

### **Pronouncement**

(Groom) and (Bride), you have consented together to marriage before God and this company here today, you pledged your faith and declared your unity by each giving and receiving a ring, and, as you are now joined together in holy matrimony. I pronouncement you Husband and Wife

### **Kiss**

You May seal your vows with a kiss!

### **Gift of Roses (optional)**

### **Introduction**

I am pleased to introduce to you for the first time as Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_