

Nice for Out of Doors in a Park or Garden

Welcome family and friends

With the horizon our only walls, the sky our only ceiling, and the earth our floor, we meet here in nature to affirm the love of these two people. Bride & Groom thank you for taking the time to join here today to celebrate their joy and witness this most beautiful ceremony of love between two people.

To the couple:

Today, you declare the love and commitment you have already know since you fell in love. Today, each of you declares for the whole world to see, that this other person has that special place in your life that can only be given to one other. You have decided to make the journey through life together, and to help each other make as much of it as two unique individuals can. Your families and friends who have given you support are standing here with you today.

To make this relationship work, it takes more than love. It takes trust, to know in your hearts that you want only the best for each other. It takes dedication, to stay open to one another, to learn and grow, even when it is difficult to do so. And it takes faith, to go forward together without knowing what the future holds for you both. While love is our natural state of being, these other qualities are not as easy to come by. Marriage is....

Reading:

"The Promises of Marriage"

"Marriage is a promise of companionship, of having someone to share All of life's experiences.

Marriage does not promise that there will not be any rough times, just the assurance that there will Always be someone Who cares and will help you through To better times.

Marriage does not promise eternal romance, just eternal love and commitment. Marriage cannot prevent disappointments, Disillusionment, or grief, But it can offer hope, acceptance, and comfort.

Marriage can't protect you from making Individual choices Or shelter you from the world, But it will help to reassure you That there is some by your side Who truly cares ,When the world hurts you And makes you feel vulnerable, Marriage offers the promise that there will Be someone waiting to listen, To console, to inspire.

Marriage is the joining of two people who share the promise That only marriage

can make ...To share the sunshine and the shadows, And to experience a richer, more fulfilling life Because of it."

Intent:

Groom, do you wish to take Bride as your wife?

Groom: I do.

Bride, do you wish to become Groom's wife?

Bride: I do.

(You may add the hand blessing and omit the prayer below)

Then join with me for a moment, in a spirit of prayer and meditation:

These two people have come together to become one. Let their union be blessed with laughter, joy, happiness, and great, abiding love. Yet, let them also be blessed with pain, sorrow, anger, and frustration. These things, too, are important to life, and the appreciation of that which we now have. Without the negative, we cannot truly understand the positive. One without the other is incomplete, and indeed is not life, but stagnation. It is our hope that each angry word be followed by a passionate kiss. Let them live separately, each a human being in their own right; but let them live together, helping each other through times both good and bad. Let their relationship be true, and real, with everything that goes along with that reality. Bless their union, and their marriage, with bonds stronger than steel. Amen.

Vows:

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*

Who holds the rings?

Rings have a long and sometimes wild heritage. As far back as we know, rings have been a part of wedding ceremonies. The ancient Egyptians were the first to use them, unending circles, to represent a love that has no end. In more recent history, rings were part of a bride price. The more beautiful and well connected a young lady was, the larger her ring should be, to show that she was paid for, and belonged to her husband. Rings, today, are a symbol of fidelity, of commitment. They show the world that these two people have a strong bond between them. And yet, they still show what the ancients intended, love without 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

_____ please place the ring on Groom's 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 / Roses for Mother or any other tradition you may wish to include): optional

Pronouncement:

Marriage is given by the bride and groom to each other - they administer the commitment to one another. We have all witnessed that promise today, in your presence. By the power vested in me, by the State of Florida, I now pronounce you husband and wife.

Kiss

Groom, you may now kiss your bride!

Introduction

Please turn and face your guests. I now have the honor of being the first to introduce to you, Mr. and Mrs. _____