

When A Man Loves A Woman

Welcome family and friends to the celebration of marriage between (Bride) & (Groom). How surreal today is for our (bride) and (groom) the dreaming and planning it took to prepare for this most joyous occasion and now the day is here. The day that two lives become one joined together in marriage. Together, we will create and participate in a wedding ceremony that will be remembered and treasured forever.

Bringing up Sand Vases by Mothers:

I would like the two mothers of our bride and groom to come forward to honor the lives of their children, the lives they brought into this world, their love for their children and support of this marriage. The two vases of sand each a different color represents the couple's individual lives, different and unique.

When a Man and a Woman Are in Love

His life lies within hers and her life lies within his. Each lives as an individual, yet they also live for one another. Each strives for independent goals, but they also work together to achieve their dreams. They will give to one another what they need to survive and help fulfill each other's wants. They will turn one another's disappointment into satisfaction. They will turn one another's frustration into contentment. They will work as a mirror, reflecting to each other their strengths and weaknesses. They will work together to alleviate the emotional walls that may separate them. They will work together to build a better understanding of one another. They will learn to lean on each other, but not so much as to be a burden on the other. They will learn to reach out to one another, but not so much as to suffocate the other. They will learn when it is time to speak and when it is time to listen. They will be there to comfort each other in times of sorrow. They will be there to celebrate together in times of happiness. They will be one another's friend, guiding each other to the happiness that life holds. They will be one another's companion, facing together the challenges that life may present. When a man and a woman are in love, his life lies within hers and her life lies within his. Together they will love one another for the rest of their lives and forever. (Stephen T.Fader)

(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.”

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 & Vase 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 vases 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.

Benediction:

May all that you are, always be in love. May all that is love, always be in you. May your love be as beautiful on each day you share as it is on this day of celebration and this day you share be as precious to you as the day you first fell in love. May you always see and encourage the best in each other. May the challenges that life brings make your marriage even stronger, and may you always be each other's best friend and greatest love.

Pronouncement:

And now (Groom) and (Bride) have signified to us by the exchanging of vows, and the giving and receiving rings I am pleased to pronounce them husband and wife

Kiss

You may start your married life together with a kiss!

The Red Rose of Love

As an Officiant I am the first one to speak to the newlyweds as husband and wife. I would like to give you your first gift as a married couple. I'd like to give a red rose to each of you as these Red roses, are the traditional symbol for love and the love between the two of you and what we have witnessed here today.

Now that I have given you each a gift, I would like each of you to give each other your first give of love to each other as husband & wife. When a red rose is given to a lover or spouse, it signifies passion and commitment. Which you have demonstrated to each other here today

Parents, family & friends:

Bride and Groom you are here today in part because of the love of your mothers. They wiped your tears and stood by you throughout the years and have helped to form you into the people you have become. Giving a red rose to your mothers, signifies respect and undying love. I'd like you (bride) and (groom) to now have that privilege of presenting the roses that you are now holding to the special woman in your life your mothers.

(Please face your guests)

Introduction:

I am pleased to present to you for the first time Mr. & Mrs. _____!

