



Civil Ceremony

Dear friends and family, we are gathered here today in the presence of this company of loved ones to celebrate the marriage between _____ and _____.

This is a sacred union, and as such, should not be entered into hastily or without consideration.

Should there be anyone who has cause as to why this couple should not be united in marriage, they must speak now or forever hold their peace.

_____ and _____, today you celebrate one of life's greatest moments and give recognition to the worth and beauty of this love, I ask that you now face each other and join hands together and repeat after me your vows of marriage.

(Groom)

_____, please 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,
Until death do us part?

(Bride)

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,
Until death do us part?

I hold in my hand two rings symbolizing the purity and never ending love you have for each other. You should wear them always, as a symbol of the perfect circle of duty that makes you one.

(Groom)

_____, as you place this on _____'s finger please repeat after me:

I, _____, give you _____, this ring as a symbol of our union as husband and wife, for today, tomorrow and always.

(Bride)

_____, as you place this on _____'s finger please repeat after me:

I, _____, give you _____, this ring as a symbol of our union as husband and wife, for today, tomorrow and always.

_____ and _____, as the two of you come into this marriage united, please remember, to make your relationship work will take love. This is the core of your marriage and why you are here today. It will take trust, to know in your hearts that you truly want the best for each other. It will take dedication to stay open to one another and to learn and grow together. It will take faith, to go forward together without knowing exactly what the future brings. And it will take commitment to hold true to the journey you both pledge to share together.

_____ and _____, in so much as the two of you have agreed to live together in matrimony, have promised your love for each other by these vows, the joining of your hands and the giving of rings in pledge, you hereby enter into a new estate. As a Judge for the State of Louisiana, I hereby declare you to be husband and wife.