



## Wedding Ceremony of «Groom» and «Bride» On «Wedding Date»

«Groom» and «Bride», in presenting yourselves here today to be joined in marriage, you perform an act of faith. This faith can grow and develop and last, but only if you decide to make it so. A lasting and growing love is not guaranteed by any ritual.

If you would have the foundation of your marriage be the devotion you have for one another, not just at this moment, but for all the days to come, then treasure the hopes and dreams that you bring here today. Establish that your love will never be blotted out by the common nor obscured by the ordinary in life. Faults will surface where now you find comfort, and admiration can be shattered by the routine of daily life.

Dedication, love and joy can grow only when you nourish them together, Stand fast in that hope and confidence, having faith in your shared destiny just as strongly as you have faith in yourselves and in one another today. Only with this spirit can you forge a union that will strengthen and endure all the days of your lives.

«Groom», please repeat after me:

I, «Groom», take you «Bride», as my friend and love, - beside me and apart from me, - in laughter and in tears, - in conflict and tranquility, - asking that you be no other than yourself, - loving what I know of you, - trusting what I do not know yet, - in all the ways that life may find us.

«**Groom**», please place the ring on «**Bride**»'s finger and repeat after me:

«**Bride**», I give you this ring - as a symbol of my vow, - and with all that I am, - and all that I have, - I honor you, in the name of God.

«**Bride**», please repeat after me:

I, «**Bride**», take you «**Groom**», as my friend and love, - beside me and apart from me, - in laughter and in tears, - in conflict and tranquility, - asking that you be no other than yourself, - loving what I know of you, - trusting what I do not know yet, - in all the ways that life may find us.

«**Bride**», please place the ring on «**Groom**»'s finger and repeat after me:

«**Groom**», I give you this ring - as a symbol of my vow, - and with all that I am, - and all that I have, - I honor you, in the name of God.

We speak to «**Groom**» and «**Bride**» of love, in which the trust and freedom of the other person becomes as significant as the trust and freedom of one's self. We speak to them of generosity, which gathers the beauty of earth for riches, and the kindness which turns away the wrath of foolish men and women. We speak of each of our hopes for their continued growth through patience, one for the other. We speak of our confidence that new levels of understanding, discovered by them in experiences of sorrow and tribulation, shall bring ever new surprises of strength and fortitude they do not now know.

In the years which shall bring «**Groom**» and «**Bride**» into greater age and wisdom, we pray that their love shall be ever young; that they should be able always to recover from moments of despair, the lighthearted ways of buoyant youth. In this hope may they keep the vows made on this day, in freedom, teaching each other who they are, what they shall be, enabling them to know that in the fullness of being, they are more than themselves and more than each other; that they are all of us, and that together we share joyously the fruits of life.

In as much as «**Groom**» and «**Bride**» have declared their love and devotion to each other before family and friends, I now greet them with you as husband and wife.

Now you will feel no rain, for each of you will be sanctuary to the other. Now you will feel no cold, for each of you will be warmth to the other. Now there is no isolation for you. Now there is no loneliness. Now you are two, but there is only one life in front of you.

Congratulations, you may now seal your vows with a kiss.

Ladies and gentlemen, may I present for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. «**Last Name**»