



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

Good Day, we are gathered here today to witness the beginning of what will be. We celebrate with «Groom» and «Bride» and their friends and families the wonderful and joyous occurrence that is taking place in their lives.

Today «Groom» and «Bride» proclaim their love and commitment to each other, and we gather here to rejoice, with and for them, in the new life they now undertake together. Marriage is a sharing of experiences and an adventure in the most intimate of human relationships, a joyous union of two people whose friendship has blossomed in romance.

This is a solemn occasion and one that should be taken seriously. Marriage has many consequences, both social and personal. Marriage requires love, the type of love that is magical and rare – where another gives to us that rare gift – a piece of ourselves that has been missing; the type of love that makes us feel whole and complete.

But, a good marriage takes more than love to make it work. A good marriage also needs trust, dedication and faith. These qualities are not easy to come by. You must trust that you each want the best for each other. You must learn to grow and stay open to each other as you learn. You must have faith in your future together, without knowing what the future holds for you.

Marriage is a journey – not a destination. It is the joining of two lives, while retaining the uniqueness of two personalities. It is an enriching experience that strengthens both husband and wife and allows them to face the world together.

«**Groom**» and «**Bride**», do you vow to be life partners, to adjust to each other and to support each other, in health and in sickness, in joy and in sadness, in good times and in bad?

«**Groom**» and «**Bride**» together: We do.

«**Groom**», will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together in marriage? Will you love her, comfort her and honor her, as long as you both shall live?

«**Groom**»: I will.

«**Bride**», will you have this man to be your wedded husband, to live together in marriage? Will you love him, comfort him and honor him, as long as you both shall live?

«**Bride**»: I will.

Rings are an outward symbol of love, a love given freely, with no beginning and no end, a constant reminder of the vows you have taken.

«**Groom**», please place the ring on «**Bride**»'s finger and say:  
With this ring, I thee wed.

«**Bride**», please place the ring on «**Groom**»'s finger and say:  
With this ring, I thee wed.

In the words of an old Apache blessing:

Now you will see no rain, - for each of you will be shelter for the other.

Now you will feel no cold, - for each of you will be the warmth for the other.

Now you are two persons, - but there is only one life before you.

Go now to your dwelling to enter into the days of your life together.

And may your days be good and long upon the earth.

«**Groom**» and «**Bride**», remember to treat both yourself and each other with respect, and remind yourselves often of what brought you together. Treat each other with tenderness and kindness; when times are rough, focus on what is right between you and not on what isn't; take responsibility for the quality of your lives together; give it the highest priority. In this way your lives will be marked by abundance and joy.

In as much as you have consented together before your friends and family to live together in wedlock, and have sealed those vows with the exchanging of rings, it gives me great pleasure to pronounce you husband and wife.

Congratulations, you may now share a kiss.