

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

We are gathered here today (in this beautiful place) to witness the joining of two lives. This is the marriage celebration of two people who are special to you.
(Who gives the bride away?)

These two separate people have chosen this special time and place to be married to each other. The decision to marry is not entered into lightly, but rather is undertaken with great consideration and respect for both the other person and oneself. You as friends and family are able to celebrate with _____ and _____ in the making of this important commitment.

THE HEART OF MARRIAGE is the taking of another person in that person's entirety, with the good times and the bad times, the sad moments, the happy ones and the taking of that person as a friend and companion for life. It is not something that just happens, a good marriage is created. In a good marriage, the little things are the big things. Do not take one another for granted. Do things for one another, not with the attitude that it is a duty or sacrifice, but in the spirit of joy and giving. Develop the capacity to forgive and forget. Do not look for perfection in your partner. Create an atmosphere in which each of you can grow.

THE ESSENCE OF MARRIAGE is love and love is one of the highest experiences that we as human beings can share. Love adds meaning to our lives. One of the greatest things we can do is to love another human being as a husband and wife love each other.

MARRIAGE SYMBOLIZES the sharing of two lives. Yet this closeness will not diminish the character or being of either individual partner. As your marriage continues to grow, your understanding of each other will continue to expand.

TIME AND TOGETHERNESS will gain for each of you a deep knowledge of each other. Today's marriage ceremony signifies the beginning of a lifetime of wonderful human experiences to be shared as a husband and wife.

PLEASE FACE EACH OTHER AND HOLD HANDS

NOW WE CELEBRATE the love that _____ and _____ have for each other and as family and friends you give social recognition to their intention to permanently accept the other by reciting the marriage vows:

HUSBAND Do you take this woman to be your wedded wife? (I DO)

Will you love her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, forsaking all others, and keep yourself only unto her as long as you both shall live? (I WILL)

WIFE same as above (change pronouns)

NOW (HUSBAND)/WIFE IF YOU WILL REPEAT AFTER ME:

I, _____, take you _____, to be my wedded wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part.

RINGS: As a token of your vows, let you exchange a symbol of love.

The(se) ring(s) shall from this time forward be a symbol of your love. Let these unending

circles signify to all that your commitment is deep and your love is true.

TO GROOM: Repeat after me -- In token of the vows made between us, with this ring, I pledge to you my love and my life.

TO WIFE: In token of the vows made between us, with this ring, I pledge to you my love and my life.

You have vowed to be loyal and loving toward each other. May you keep these vows which you have made here today. May you comfort each other, share each other's joys, console each other during times of trouble, and help each other as husband and wife. May you encourage each other in whatever you set out to achieve. And, most importantly, may you continue to love one another forever.

_____ and _____ have formalized their vows and the bond between them in your presence and in mine, I THEREFORE, by the powers vested in me as a Judge of the Third Judicial District, State of Idaho, pronounce you HUSBAND AND WIFE.

YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE.