

Traditional Vows

Dearly Beloved, We are gathered here, in the sight of God and in the Face of this Goodly company, to join together this man and this women in marriage. It is an ancient and honorable relationship ordained of god and urged by the very nature of our being. The marital estate is designed to establish human welfare and happiness and therefore is not to be entered into lightly but reverently, discreetly and soberly.

Let us bow our heads. Almighty and infinite God, Whose presence is the happiness of every condition and sanctifies every relationship, bless us today in the uniting of these two souls. Give them a larger understanding as befits their new estate; grant unto them thy grace, so that they may enjoy the comforts and pleasures, undergo courageously the cares, endure the trials and faithfully perform the duties of the new life they are undertaking together. Lift up their hearts and minds that they may fully appreciate the solemnity of this occasion and the primary spiritual basis of their union. Amen.

Groom, will you take Bride to be your wife, to live together in God's will in the holy bond of marriage? Will you promise, in the presence of God and before these witnesses, to love and comfort her, honor and cherish her, in sickness and in health, in prosperity and in adversity, forsaking all others throughout your life together? I Will.

Bride, will you take Groom to be your husband, to live together in God's will in the holy bond of Marriage? Will you promise, in the presence of God and before these witnesses, to love and comfort him, honor and cherish him, in sickness and in health, in prosperity and in adversity, forsaking all others throughout your life together? I Will.

May I have the rings please? The rings in a wedding ceremony are symbolic of two things. First of all, they are made of a material that will never tarnish. This is symbolic of your love remaining forever without tarnish. They are also made in a perfect circle, having no beginning and no ending. This is symbolic of your love remaining forever without end.

Please face each other. Groom, will you take this ring and place it upon Bride's left hand and then repeat after me: This ring, I give to you, my wife, in token and pledge of my constant faith and abiding love.

Bride, will you take this ring and place it upon Groom's left hand and then repeat after me: This ring, I give to you, my husband, in token and pledge of my constant faith and abiding love.

Let us pray. We praise thee, our father, for the sweetness of mortal love. For it reminds us of the love of God and Christ. We thank thee for the deep love that draws men and women together in this sacred bond of matrimony, causing them to clave to one another and to establish a home where virtue, happiness and truth may abide. Help them ever to discern the true values of life. To keep fresh and unsullied the idealism,

sobriety and spirituality of this hour. Sanctify both of them to thy uses and bless them in their love forever more. Amen.

Would you join both hands, please? By joining hands and by the giving and receiving of a ring, you have acknowledged the pledge of love and fidelity that you have each given to the other.

Since Groom and Bride have solemnly pledged themselves to live together in the holy bond of marriage and have so declared before God and this company, by giving and receiving a ring and by joining hands. As an ordained minister and by the authority of the state of Arizona, I now pronounce them husband and wife. Whom God has joined together let no man put asunder.

God be with you and bless your marriage, sanctifying your home and making fruitful all your righteous endeavors. May you so live together that your bliss and happiness will give you a foretaste of the peace of God that reigns in the mansions of eternal felicity. May the oneness that you now share ever remind you of your mystical union in the eternal spirit. Amen.

Groom, you may kiss the bride!