

## **SAMPLE A**

We are gathered here in the presence of this/these witness(es) for the purpose of uniting in matrimony.  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The contract of marriage is most solemn and is not to be entered into lightly, but thoughtfully and seriously and with a deep realization of its obligations and responsibilities.

\_\_\_\_\_, Do you take, \_\_\_\_\_, to be your lawfully wedded spouse?

Repeat.

Do you each promise to love and comfort one another, to honor and keep one another, in sickness and in health, in prosperity and adversity, and forsaking all others, be faithful to each other as long as you both shall live?

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## **SAMPLE B**

We are gathered here (in the presence of witnesses/family/friends) for the purpose of uniting in Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Love, loyalty, and understanding are the foundations of a happy and enduring relationship. No other human ties are more tender and no other vows more important than those you now assume. Do you both understand that you will be lawfully wedded?

PLEASE JOIN HANDS

The contract of marriage is most solemn and is not to be entered into lightly, but thoughtfully and seriously, and with a deep realization of its responsibilities and many joys.

\_\_\_\_\_, Do you take, \_\_\_\_\_, to be your lawfully wedded spouse?

Repeat.

You will be lawfully wedded to have and to cherish each other from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to honor and to love, in sharing your lives together.

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Now that you have joined yourself in marriage, may you strive all your lives to meet this commitment with the same love and devotion that you now possess.

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## **SAMPLE C**

Today we are gathered to witness the marriage of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to share in the joy of this memorable occasion. The two of you have come before me today to be united in marriage. Marriage is a desire by two people to share themselves and their experiences with each other, and a willingness to accept each other for who they are. It is making a commitment to friendship and mutual respect and calls for honesty, patience, courage and of course, humor. Marriage is where each partner is there to support each other in all that they do. Marriage requires closeness and distance – the closeness of a couple growing together and enough distance to allow each partner to be an individual. A good partner in such a marriage will be loving, caring and above all a best friend.

\_\_\_\_\_, do you vow your love and devotion to \_\_\_\_\_, promising to care for \_\_\_\_\_ in the joys and sorrows of life, in sickness and in health, for better or for worse, whatever the future may bring?

Repeat.

*Ring Ceremony (optional):*

*(It is an ancient tradition for a couple to exchange rings. This giving and receiving of rings symbolizes the continuity of their relationship and the sharing of their lives together. A wedding ring is an unbroken circle which symbolizes an unending and everlasting love. Wear your wedding rings as an outward sign of lifelong vows and promises that you have both made to each other today.*

*“ \_\_\_\_\_, I give you this ring as a symbol of our marriage and as a token of my love, trust and commitment. I promise to care for you above all others, to give you my love, friendship and support and to respect and cherish you throughout our lives together.”*

*Repeat for double rings.*

*\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ you have both made the declarations prescribed by law and have made a solemn and binding contract with each other in the presence of the witnesses. It therefore gives me the greatest honor and privilege to announce that...*

**SAMPLE D (available in Spanish)**

*I remind you both to remember that love, loyalty and understanding are the foundations of a happy and enduring home.*

*No other human ties are more tender and no other vows more important than those you will now assume. If you both keep these vows, your home will be happy and full of joy.*

*(Please join hands)*

*The contract of marriage is most solemn and is not to be entered into lightly, but thoughtfully and seriously, with a deep realization of its obligations and responsibilities.*

*\_\_\_\_\_, do you take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your married spouse?*

*Do you promise to love, comfort, honor and keep \_\_\_\_\_ in sickness and in health, in prosperity and adversity, for better or worse, throughout all the days of your life?*

*Repeat.*

*I, \_\_\_\_\_, take thee \_\_\_\_\_, to be my married spouse, to have and to hold from this day forward for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish.*

*Repeat.*

*Ring Ceremony (optional – skip for no rings ceremony):*

*Place and hold the ring on the ring finger of the left hand and repeat after me:*

*“This ring, I thee give, in token and pledge of my constant faith and enduring love. With this ring, I thee wed.”*

*Repeat for double rings.*

*Now that you have joined yourselves in solemn matrimony, may you strive all of your lives to meet this commitment with the same love and devotion that you now possess.*

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## SAMPLE E

We meet here for the joyful purpose joining in marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

As you begin your journey through life together may I offer, for your consideration, some very important virtues? Among these are: Love, Loyalty, Respect, Trust, and Understanding. These are solid foundations for a happy and enduring home.

The marriage contract is most solemn, and it is not to be approached lightly, but rather thoughtfully, seriously, and with a deep realization of its obligations and responsibilities.

\_\_\_\_\_, do you take this person, \_\_\_\_\_ to be your wedded spouse?

Do you promise to love and protect her/him, to honor and respect her/him, to keep her/him in sickness and in health, through the good times, and also through the bad times, forsaking all others, be faithful to her/him?

Repeat.

You are now about to give each other certain solemn promises. Please turn, face one another, hold hands, and repeat after me.

I \_\_\_\_\_, take you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my lawfully wedded spouse, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish.

Repeat.

### Ring Ceremony (optional):

The ring is a symbol of your marriage, a circle without beginning or end, and a symbol of wholeness, perfection, peace, and unity.

\_\_\_\_\_ will you take \_\_\_\_\_'s ring, place it on her/his ring finger, hold it there, and repeat after me...

\_\_\_\_\_, I give you this ring, as a pledge of my faith and love, and a symbol of our unity.

Repeat for double rings.

Now that you have joined yourselves in solemn matrimony and have become one, may you sincerely strive all your lives, to meet this commitment with the same love and devotion that brought you here today.

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## SAMPLE F

*The step which you are about to take is the most important into which two people can accomplish together. It is a union founded upon mutual respect and affection. Your lives will change, your responsibilities will increase, but your joy will be multiplied if you are sincere and earnest with your pledge to one another.*

\_\_\_\_\_, will you have this woman/man to be your wedded wife/husband/spouse, to love her/him, comfort her/him, honor and keep her/him, and forsaking all others, keep you only unto her/him, for so long as you both shall live?

Repeat.

Take hands and repeat after me: I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wedded wife/husband/spouse, to have and to hold, for better for worse, for richer or poorer, to love and to cherish, from this day forward.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold, for better for worse, for richer or poorer, to love and to cherish, from this day forward.

**Ring Ceremony (optional):**

**Do you have a ring for the bride? Please place the ring on the bride's finger and say:**

**With this ring, I thee wed.**

**Is there a ring for the groom? Please place the ring on the groom's finger and say:**

**With this ring I thee wed.**

**Let these rings be given and received as a token of your affection, sincerity, and fidelity to one another.**

**In as much as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have consented together in wedlock and have witnessed the same before this company, and pledged their vows to each other, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME...**