

Wedding Ceremony

Dear Family and friends, we are gathered here today in the sight of God and this company, to join together this man and this woman in marriage. This is an honorable relationship, ordained of God, designed to establish human welfare and happiness. Therefore it is not by anyone to be entered into lightly, but reverently, joyfully, and soberly. If any man can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him speak now, or hereafter forever hold his peace.

Prayer:

Almighty and loving God, whose presence is the happiness of every condition and sanctifies every relationship, bless us today in the uniting of these two spirits. Grant them your grace, that they may enjoy the comforts and pleasures of the new life they are beginning together. Lift up their hearts and minds that they may fully appreciate the Divine nature of this occasion and the spiritual basis of their union. Amen

(Vows)

(Groom) will you take (Bride) to be your wife, to live together in the Holy bond of marriage, will you promise in the presence of God and these witnesses to love, honor, and cherish her, in sickness and in health, in prosperity or adversity, forsaking all others, keeping only unto her as long as you both shall live?

Repeat Vows for Bride.

(Presentation of Rings)

What token do you offer in pledge of your vows?

Wedding rings are an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual grace and love, signifying to all, the union of this man and woman.

(Groom to repeat)

This ring I give to you my wife, as a token and pledge of my constant faith and abiding love.

(Bride to repeat)

This ring I give to you my husband, as a token and pledge of my constant faith and abiding love.

(Apache wedding Blessing)

Now you will feel no rain, for you will be the shelter for each 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 and enter into the days of your life together. May your days be good and long upon the earth.

Prayer: We thank thee Father for the sweetness of love, which shines through our hearts and draws a man and woman together in this sacred bond. Bless their life and their home with truth, happiness and love. Help them always to discern the true values of life. To keep fresh and pure the spirit of this hour and the vows they have exchanged forevermore. God be with you and bless your marriage. May the oneness you share ever remind you of your divine union with the eternal spirit. Amen.

(Declaration)

For as much as (Groom) and (Bride) have solemnly pledged themselves to live together in the bonds of marriage, and have so declared before God and these witnesses, by giving and receiving a ring and by the joining of hands. By the authority vested in me through the State of Arizona, I pronounce them husband and wife.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my privilege to introduce to you Mr. & Mrs. _____