

Wedding Ceremony

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Foundation:

Groom and Bride, you are about to make promises to one another. Today, these vows are beautiful words representing even more beautiful intentions. As you begin to live these vows invest your time, your love and your commitment to one another. The happy times of your life will be twice as joyous, because there will be someone to share those joys with. And when life gets tough, it will only be half as bad, because there will be someone by your side to help carry the burden. The gift of love is in allowing the foundation of it to give you the strength to experience life together. And enjoy it!

Apache Blessing

“Now you will feel no rain, for each of you will be shelter for the other.

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

Now there will be no loneliness, for each of you will be companion to the other.

Now you are two persons, but there is only one life before you. May beauty surround you both in the journey ahead and through all the years.

May happiness be your companion and your days together be good and long upon the earth.”

“Treat yourselves and each other with respect, and remind yourselves often of what brought you together. Give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness and kindness that your connection deserves.

When frustration, difficulties and fear assail your relationship, as they threaten all relationships at one time or another, remember to focus on what is right between you, not only the part which seems wrong.

In this way, you can ride out the storms when clouds hide the face of the sun in your lives -- remembering that even if you lose sight of it for a moment, the sun is still there.

And if each of you takes responsibility for the quality of your life together, it will be marked by abundance and delight.”

Gordon: Groom and Bride are you ready to step into the circle of Matrimony, assuming all its rights and obligations? If you are indeed ready to make this legal, please turn to face one another and join hands and in doing so join hearts.

And I remind you, this ceremony and the wedding day are just one brief moment in your life. The vows you will speak, the rings you will exchange are done in a matter of minutes. The promises and the tokens of your love will last a lifetime. Please answer I Will after the following questions I ask you both:

Will you Groom in your heart, body, soul and spirit for which you are standing here today take Bride to be your loving and blessed wife to share your life together, to laugh, live and celebrate the joys that await you and remain steadfast when faced with sorrow and adversity?

Groom: “I will”

Will you Groom also always show up and honor the divine light and presence of love in Bride the rest of your life, and honor the gifts and desires of your life and love together?

Groom: “I will.”

Will you Bride in your heart, body, soul and spirit for which you are standing here today take Groom to be your loving and blessed husband, to share your life together to laugh, live and celebrate the joys that await you and remain steadfast when faced with the sorrow and adversity?

Bride: “I will.”

Will you Bride also always show up and honor the divine light and presence of love in Groom the rest of your life, and honor the gifts and desires of your life and love together?

Bride: “I will.”

(Ask for the rings)

The wedding rings are an ancient symbol of commitment and love. That like a circle has no beginning and no end. Groom and Bride, let these rings that you exchange be an outward sign and a reminder to you always of what you have pledged today as your inward truth and devotion of love for each other.

Gordon: These rings made of precious metal will endure forever. The circular form of your rings symbolize a circle unbroken without beginning or end. As you wear these rings let them be the enduring symbol of your promise to each other, to create a partnership that is whole and unbroken, a partnership for your life time. Please repeat after me;

Groom

I Groom take you Bride to be my wife. To love and to cherish, in good time and in bad, for better, for worse, in sickness and in health. I promise my love, faithfulness and friendship for as long as we both shall live. With this ring I thee wed.

Bride

I Bride take you Groom to be my husband. To love and to cherish, in good time and in bad, for better, for worse, in sickness and in health. I promise my love, faithfulness and friendship for as long as we both shall live. With this ring I thee wed.

Gordon: There is a spiritual teaching that says, “From every human being there rises a light that reaches straight to heaven. And when two souls that are destined for each other find one another, their streams of light flow together, and a single brighter light shines forth from their united being.”

Groom and Bride, truly your souls have found and recognized each other. You have come to see and honor the precious light that shines within each of you. And have come to understand that together you can shine far brighter than either of you ever could alone. What you have pledged to one another today is both a culmination and a beginning. You are truly joined together in love – a love that with continued time and attention, kindness and care, laughter, listening, courage and faith, can lead you to a richness, depth and fulfillment beyond all imagination.

Today we bless this moment in your life as it begins a lifetime of togetherness and love. Today the unity of this marriage has begun. And as you go from here today, remember that our love, our support go with you. May you always see, honor, and nurture the light in one another, and may the greatest light of your union shine bright and clear through all the days of your lives.

Pronouncement and Kiss:

By the authority vested in me as a Minister of God and by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is with deep joy I now pronounce you husband and wife.

You may kiss and rejoice.

Congratulations !