

Forever Yours Weddings



Groom and **Bride** have come together in the hope that the love which brought them to this union may go beyond itself into the lives of others. Yet, they know it is not easy to build a deep, personal relationship, even in marriage.

Thus, we ask that the promise and hopes of this union be realized.

PRAYER:

Let us now bow our heads in prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, our hearts are filled with great happiness on **Groom** and **Bride's** wedding day, as they come before You pledging their hearts and lives to one another.

- ♥ Grant that they may ever be true and loving, living together in such a way as to never bring shame or heartbreak into their marriage.
- ♥ Grant these two the patience to listen, the capacity to understand, the compassion to give comfort, and the joy to laugh and to be.
- ♥ Let their marriage make a home where neither person is a stranger.
- ♥ Let it offer illumination and growth.
- ♥ Let it bask in the joy of giving and in the excitement of shared discoveries.
- ♥ Let it be large enough to endure the darkness of things.
- ♥ May silence and despair never separate them
- ♥ May they always return to each other.
- ♥ May the home they are creating today truly be a place of love and harmony, where Your Spirit is always present.

Bless this marriage we pray and walk beside **Groom** and **Bride**, throughout all of their lives together. We ask these things in Jesus name; Amen

Vows

Groom do you take **Bride** to be your wife?

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect her, forsaking all others and holding only unto her?

Bride do you take **Groom** to be your husband?

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him, forsaking all others and holding only unto him?

Ring Exchange

Bride, take **Groom's** ring, place it on his finger and repeat after me:

With this ring I thee wed.

Take it as a symbol of my everlasting and unconditional love with all that I am and all that I have from this day forward as your wife.

Groom, take **Bride's** ring, place it on her finger and repeat after me:

With this ring I thee wed. Take it as a symbol of my everlasting and unconditional love with all that I am and all that I have from this day forward as your husband.

The wedding ring is a symbol, in visible form, of the unbroken circle of your love, so that wherever you go, you may always return to your shared life together. May these rings always call to mind the power of your love.

Coin

Could I please have the Coin Bearer present the pillow with the coins.

Lord, please bless these coins.

Grant **Groom** and **Bride** not only material possessions, but abundant spiritual strength, which these coins symbolize, so that they use them to bless others and to attain eternal life. Hold the coins in your hands as a sign that your blessings will no longer be held separately, but together. And may you always show that whatever gift you may have in this life is not ultimately yours but the Lords.

Groom, place the coins in **Bride's** hands and repeat after me:

Bride, I give you these coins as a pledge of my dedication to your welfare and our children whom God will bless us with. Take these coins as a symbol of all that I have and all that I am.

Bride, please accept these coins and repeat after me:

I accept these coins as a pledge of my total dedication, constant concern for your welfare and pledge to build a Christian family together with you. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cord

May I please have the Best Man and Maid of Honor come forward with the Cord and the Veil?

May I ask the Best Man and Maid of Honor to place the cord over the shoulders of **Groom** and **Bride**.

The cord symbolizes total and unconditional commitment of **Groom** and **Bride** to each other. It is a symbol of their complete sacrifice and self-surrender for the benefit of the other. It is a symbol of unity that will bind them closer to each other. May the Lord keep them and bless them forever.

Veil

May I now request the Best Man and the Maid of Honor to place the veil over the **Groom** and **Bride** .

The veil is a symbol of God's covering power so that their lives will be protected. The responsibility of setting the path of their married life will be on **Groom's** shoulders, a life which **Bride**, in all humility, shall now follow, support, and help institute.

May I request the Best Man and the Maid of Honor to remove the cord and veil from the **Groom** and **Bride** and then please take a seat.

Pronouncement

In the presence of your family and friends who have joined you to share this moment of joy, you have declared your deep love and affection for each other. You have stated your wish to live together, always open to a deeper, richer friendship and partnership. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

It is now my joyful pleasure to officially acknowledge your union as "Husband and Wife."

GROOM, YOU MAY NOW KISS YOUR BRIDE!

*May I introduce to you for the first time
Mr. and Mrs. _____*