

Forever Yours Weddings



**** the bride and groom are responsible for providing their own sand and jars. You can google ‘sand blending for wedding’ and you should get quite a bit of suggestions on the jars and the sand.. Pretty much any craft store will be able to help you out.**

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## Ceremony

We are gathered here today to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, to give recognition to the worth and beauty of love, and to add our best wishes to the words which shall unite **Groom** and **Bride** in marriage.

**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.

- ♥ 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.

## RINGS & VOWS

**Groom**, please place the ring upon **Bride's** finger, and repeat after me  
I pledge of the vow of marriage made between us.  
I offer you this ring.

**Bride**, please place the ring upon **Groom's** finger, and repeat after me

I pledge of the vow of marriage made between us.  
I offer you this ring.

To make this relationship work, therefore, takes more than love. It takes trust, to know in your hearts that you want only the best for each other. It takes dedication, to stay open to one another, to learn and grow, even when it is difficult to do so. And it takes faith, to go forward together without knowing what the future holds for you both. While love is our natural state of being, these other qualities are not as easy to come by. They are not a destination, but a journey.

Can I please have the children join us?

There are children who will share in this marriage. The gathering of this new family will have a deep influence upon them. It will both complicate and enrich their lives. They will also have much to contribute to this new family. We realize that in order for the home to be a happy one, it is essential that there be love and understanding between the children and the adults being married.

**Groom** and **Bride** is your love for each other broad enough to include, (*list all children*) and deep enough to honor their presence in this marriage and to pledge yourselves to love and care for them? (*We will*)

**Children**... You are a vital part of this new marriage. **Groom** and **Bride** give you their unconditional love and honor your presence in their lives. Your participation is requested to help develop the bonds of a new family. We ask from you also a pledge, that you will join together to help create a home and a way of life in which all of you may grow into the fullness of

the best people you can be. Will you now pledge to do your best to help make a happy and successful home for all of you by your love and cooperation? (*We will*)

And so it is.

*Move over to sand blending table with the whole family*

### SAND BLENDING

Today, this new family is symbolized through the pouring of these FOUR containers of sand.

- ♥ One representing **Groom**, and all that you were, all that you are, and all that you will ever be,
- ♥ One representing, **Bride**, and all that you were, all that you are and all that you will ever be,
- ♥ And TWO that represent the children and all that they were, all that they are and all that they will ever be.

Please hold your containers.

The separate containers of sand you hold represent your lives to this moment; individual and unique. As these containers of sand are poured into the FIFTH container, the individual containers of sand will no longer exist, but will be joined together as one.

Please pour the sand into the FIFTH container to symbolize the union of all your lives.

Just as these grains of sand can never be separated and poured again into the individual containers, so will your marriage be.

*If the children could please take their seats.*

### PRONOUNCEMENT

By joining hands right now and looking into each other's eyes, let it be known that you are joined, body and soul in this lifetime, and that this bond is sacred and eternal. And now that you have stood before me and exchanged these rings and these vows, it gives me great pleasure to pronounce that you are Husband and Wife.

**GROOM, YOU MAY NOW KISS YOUR BRIDE!**

*May I introduce for the first time,  
Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_*