

# Forever Yours Weddings



Welcome friends and family.

We are gathered here to unite **Bride** and **Groom** in marriage, which is held in honor among all people. We are here to celebrate Love. Love organizes our large and sometimes unpredictable world. It is the basis for the peace of family, and the peace of the people of the earth. The greatest gift bestowed upon humans is the gift of love freely given between two persons.

In marriage, two people turn to each other in search of a greater fulfillment than either can achieve alone. Marriage is a bold step, taken together, into an unknown future. It is risking who we are for the sake of who we can be. This is achieved only in giving of ourselves fully, and sharing our lives with another; only in loyalty and devotion bestowed upon another. Two among us who have stood apart, come together now, to declare their love and to be united in marriage.

## Vows

**Groom**, please repeat after me

I promise to love you with all my heart in good and bad times.

I promise you patience and understanding; and to support you in your endeavors as if they were my own.

I promise to be true and loyal to you as I join my life to yours.

**Bride**, please repeat after me

I promise to love you with all my heart in good and bad times.

I promise you patience and understanding; and to support you in your endeavors as if they were my own.

I promise to be true and loyal to you as I join my life to yours.

## Ring Exchange

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

With this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee honor, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow.

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

With this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee honor, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow.

## THE SEVEN BLESSINGS

I will now recite the seven blessings

1. Blessed is the wonder of creation, the earth, the provider of all things. May you be inspired each day by the abundance of the natural world, by science and technology, as well as art, music, literature, and creative expression.
2. Blessed is the essence of humankind. People have the capacity for love and friendship, generosity, kindness and compassion. May you express these qualities freely and be blessed to receive them through your lives.
3. Blessed is the design of humankind. The diversity of humanity is remarkable: out of the same basic shape, infinite variations. May you find comfort in the similarities shared by all of the world's cultures and celebrate the qualities which make us different.
4. Blessed is the joy of this gathering.
5. Blessed is the joy of lovers. Today we celebrate with **Bride** and **Groom** as they freely unite in marriage.

6. Blessed is the human capacity for joy. May you find something to celebrate every day of your life, and may your cup runneth over.
7. Blessed is the joy of gladness and celebration. May every day be full of happiness, love, friendship, harmony, laughter and rejoicing.

### Pronouncement

Those who enter into marriage must learn to cherish a mutual esteem and love; to bear with each other's strengths and weaknesses; to comfort each other in sickness, trouble, and sorrow: With honesty to provide for each other, and to live together as heirs of the grace of life.

- ♥ May the sun of many days and years shine upon you, may the love you have for one another grow and hold you close. May the good true light within you guide your way together.
- ♥ May your dreams come true and when they don't may new dreams arise.
- ♥ And long, long years from now, may you look at one another and be able to say, 'Because of you I have become the person I longed to be'.

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.

**YOU MAY KISS YOUR BRIDE!**

*May I introduce to you...  
Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_!*