

# *Celebration of Love Ceremony*

We have been invited here today to witness the celebration of love between Jean Pierre and Marie Christine. Today, they are taking their first step of their new beginning; their new life together.

The ability and desire for one human being to love another is perhaps the most precious and fulfilling gift that has been entrusted to us. It is an all-consuming task, a lifelong endeavor—the journey we've been preparing for all of our lives.

Loving someone is a reason to stretch beyond our limits, to become more for the sake of the other. It is to look into the soul of your beloved and accept what you see. Loving is the ultimate commitment which challenges humans to become all that we are meant to be.

As they join in celebration of their life together, Jean Pierre and Marie Christine are announcing to the world that they are welcoming that challenge.

## Opening Prayer

God, as you join us today, we ask for your blessings upon this couple.

Let all their days together be happy and all their words to each other be sweet.

Though their paths are intertwined, let them be aware of each other's separateness. Bless their home and allow it to be a place of joy and serenity.

Remind them to nurture each other's body with mutual love, honor and respect. Let their spirits dwell within.

As they learn from one another, may they grow stronger as individuals and closer as a couple.

Amen

Jean Pierre and Marie Christine, in your celebration of your love, remember it is often the "little" things that are the "biggest" things. Like never getting too old to hold hands. And remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day. And never going to sleep angry. In your union, you should stand together and face the world as a team in your common search for the good and the beautiful. Speak words of appreciation often, and demonstrate gratitude in thoughtful ways. Give each other the atmosphere in which each can grow.

Jean Pierre, please turn to Marie Christine, and repeat after me:

I choose you, Marie Christine, to be my lifelong companion. I have emptied my heart of all others. It is only filled with you. You are my best friend and my only love. And I will cherish you for the rest of my life.

Marie Christine, please turn to Jean Pierre, and repeat after me:

I choose you, Jean Pierre, to be my lifelong companion. I have emptied my heart of all others. It is only filled with you. You are my best friend and my only love. And I will cherish you for the rest of my life.

Jean Pierre and Marie Christine, in your union and celebration of love, your lives are forever changed.

Now, you can face your fears, for you each will be strength to the other.  
Now, you can brave the wind, for you each will be shelter to the other.  
Now, you can reap the rewards, for you each will be partner to the other.  
Now though you are two bodies, there is one life before you.  
And there, in that life, may you always love.

Jean Pierre and Marie Christine, you have heard the words about love and lifelong commitment, you have exchanged vows and made promises to each other as witnessed by your family and friends, so it is at this time we pronounce to the world that you have chosen to spend the rest of your lives together. You may kiss.

Benediction:

May you be blessed by God.  
May you be touched by angels.  
May your hearts stay full, your spirits stay connected, and may you love long and happily in one another's arms.