

# Wedding Ceremony 1

## OPENING PRAYER

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

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.

And as their wedded life begins today with prayer, so may they continue it, praying for and with each other.

Amen

WHO GIVETH THIS WOMAN TO BE WED? (bride joins groom)

## PROMISES

\_\_\_\_\_, do you take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your wife of your days, the companion of your heart and the friend of your life? To stand united in the face of adversity and bask together in the light of good fortune? With these words spoken, and all those as yet unspoken, do you wish to marry \_\_\_\_\_ and join your life with hers?

I DO.

\_\_\_\_\_, do you take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your husband of your days, the companion of your heart and the friend of your life? To stand united in the face of adversity and bask together in the light of good fortune? With these words spoken, and all those as yet unspoken, do you wish to marry \_\_\_\_\_ and join your life with his?

## RING EXCHANGE

### VOWS

\_\_\_\_\_, turn to your bride and as you place the ring on her finger, repeat after me:

I choose you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my wife.  
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.

\_\_\_\_\_, please repeat after me as you place the ring on \_\_\_\_\_'s finger:

I choose you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my husband.

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.

#### MARRIAGE PRONOUNCEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, you have heard the words about love and marriage, you have exchanged your vows and made your promises, and celebrated your union with the giving and receiving of rings.

It is at this time that I now pronounce you husband and wife.

You may now kiss the bride!

Ladies and gentleman, I have the honor of presenting, for the first time anywhere, Mr. and Mrs.

\_\_\_\_\_.

#### BENEDICTION

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, you came here today, in the presence of family and friends, to express your love for, and commitment to each other. 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 find love.

#### BLESSING

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.

(end of ceremony)