

# TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS CEREMONY

## OPENING REMARKS

Dearly Friends and Family, we are gathered here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony.

The Bible says that marriage is to be entered into with reverence and in the fear of God, and it's into this holy estate these two people now come to be joined.

Marriage is a partnership of two unique people who bring out the very best in each other and who know that even though they are wonderful as individuals, they are even better together. Today, we celebrate these two lives becoming one.

## OPENING PRAYER

### I WILLS

\_\_\_\_\_, will you take this woman to be your wife, to live together in holy matrimony? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto her so long as you live?  
**(I Will)**

\_\_\_\_\_, will you take this man to be your husband, to live together in holy matrimony? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto him so long as you live?  
**(I Will)**

Who gives this woman to be married to this man? "Her Mother and I"

# VOWS

(Groom)

\_\_\_\_\_ repeat after me.

I \_\_\_\_\_, take you \_\_\_\_\_,

To be my wedded wife

To have and to hold

From this day forward

For better for worse

For richer for poorer

In sickness and in health

To love and to cherish

Til death do us part

I pledge you my faith.

(Bride)

\_\_\_\_\_ repeat after me.

I \_\_\_\_\_, take you \_\_\_\_\_,

To be my wedded husband

To have and to hold

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## RING EXCHANGE

Wedding rings are an outward and visible sign of a heartfelt commitment, signifying to all the uniting of this man and woman in marriage.

(Groom)

\_\_\_\_\_, place the ring on her finger,  
and repeat after me.

As a sign of the covenant  
I make with you today  
I give you this ring.  
It's a token and pledge  
Of my constant faith  
And abiding love.

(Bride)

\_\_\_\_\_, place the ring on his finger, and  
repeat after me.

As a sign of the covenant  
I make with you today  
I give you this ring.  
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## **SAND CEREMONY**

You have committed today to share the rest of your lives together. This relationship is symbolized through the pouring of these two individual containers of sand.

One representing you \_\_\_\_\_ (groom) and all that you were, all that you are, and all that you will ever be.

(Groom pours some of his sand first)

The other representing you \_\_\_\_\_ (bride), and all that you were, all that you are, and all that you will ever be.

(Bride pours some of her sand)

As these two containers of sand are poured into the third container, the individual containers of sand will no longer exist, but will be joined together as one.

(Bride and Groom pour the rest of their sand together)

We believe that just like the sand, your marriage from this moment forward will be united and inseparable.

## PRONOUNCEMENT

For as much as \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_, have consented together in  
marriage, and have given and pledged their faith to each other,  
and have declared the same by the giving and receiving of rings  
and joining of hands, I pronounce that they be husband and wife  
together in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

\_\_\_\_\_, you may kiss the bride!

It's my privilege to introduce to you, Mr and Mrs.

\_\_\_\_\_.