

**(Bride & Groom)** , love is patient and kind, is not jealous, does not brag, and is not arrogant.....love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...love never fails.

And with this unfailing love in your hearts today, you have chosen to seal these vows with the giving and receiving of rings.

**(Groom)**: Repeat after me... **(Bride)**, with this ring, I thee wed, and may this be a symbol, of my everlasting love, and devotion to you.

**(Bride)**: Repeat after me... **(Groom)**, with this ring, I thee wed, and may this be a symbol, of my everlasting love, and devotion to you.

**Minister:** **(Bride & Groom)**, in the days and years to come these rings should remind you of the overwhelming joy of this special occasion when you were united in marriage.

**And as these rings are golden, so let your love be to one another. And as they are round, an unbroken circle that has no ending, so let your love be to each other.**

My charge now to you today is this; Keep the solemn vows that you have made to each other this day. Live with tender consideration one to the other; conduct your lives in honesty and in truth. **And always keep God in the center of this union.** If you do this, your marriage will last, your home will endure, and the marriage vows that you have made to each other this day will be a blessing to you, and to everyone else in your lives.  
**Prayer of blessing and protection for (Bride & Groom).**

Marriage is more than a walk down the aisle, It's a promise that's shared...it's an intimate smile.  
It's a personal bond that you look on with pride, and the knowledge that someone will be by your side.  
It's a vow of commitment that's blessed from above, it's hope and a dream for a lifetime of love.

**Now therefore, whom God has joined together, let not any man put asunder.**

### **DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE**

**(Bride & Groom)**, since you have pledged your marriage vows to one another, by the authority vested in me by the State of Indiana, it is now my pleasure to pronounce you husband and wife together.

You may kiss the bride.

**(Minister's 1<sup>st</sup> & Last name)**, Minister

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Ladies and Gentlemen, It gives me great honour to present to you:

**Mr. and Mrs. (Groom's 1<sup>st</sup> & last name)**

You are all invited to a reception at **(time)**, at the **(place)**. There will be no receiving line here at the church, you can greet the wedding party at the reception.

*The Wedding Ceremony  
of*

**(Groom's 1<sup>st</sup> & last Name)**

and

**(Bride's 1<sup>st</sup> & last name)**



**(Date)**

(City, State)

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Dear friends, we have gathered together to witness the marriage of **(Bride & Groom)**, and to celebrate together with them on this special day.

**Minister to Father:** Who is giving this woman to be married to this man?

**Father:** Her mother and I.

Marriage is a union that was first established, and also ordained by God. At creation, God made them male and female. Jesus declared, that for this reason, a man should leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife. The challenge and joy of marriage is both mental and physical...but I remind you today that it is also spiritual. It is not I who is joining you together...but it is God.

Today, **(Bride & Groom)** will become one flesh in a relationship that enriches and strengthens each other: In marriage they can face the world together, strong with the strength of two, wise with the wisdom of two, and brave with the courage of two.

Marriage is a life-long lesson, and it is the responsibility of each of you to grow and learn about one another each day, secure in the knowledge that one thing is always constant....the love that you have for each other.

**(Bride & Groom)**, you are about to enter into a union that is most sacred and serious, requiring of those who enter into it a complete and generous giving of self. It will bind you together in a relationship so close and so intimate that it will profoundly affect your whole life.

The future, with its hopes and disappointments, its successes and its failures, its joys and its sorrows, is hidden from your eyes. **Love can make it easy, perfect love can make it a joy.**

**May then this love which is in your hearts today, never fail, but grow deeper and stronger as the years go by.**

In the quiet of this moment, we pause to give thanks for all the rich experiences that have brought you to this high point in your lives.

- We are grateful for the love, support, and values that have come from family and friends along life's way.
- We are thankful for the love, and prayers of a mother who would give anything for her children and her grandchildren.
- And we are grateful to God, Who has allowed the relationships that are here today, to grow closer and stronger.

Now, as you make your promises to each other, may you make them with the deepest consideration into their meaning and with your full commitment.

May this be the beginning of a relationship that will grow and mature with each passing year until the latter days become more wonderful than the first.

And now, I charge you both, that if either of you know of any reason why you may not lawfully be joined together in marriage, that you declare it now, or forever hold your peace.

## THE WEDDING VOWS

**(Groom),**

- Will you give yourself to **(Bride)**, to be her husband:
- Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her; and forsaken all others, be faithful to her for as long as you both shall live? **(David shall answer, I will)**  
**((Groom) shall answer, I will)**

**(Bride),**

- Will you give yourself to **(Groom)**, to be his wife:
- Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him; and forsaken all others, be faithful to him for as long as you both shall live? **((Bride) shall answer, I will)**



Repeat after me...

I **(Groom)**, take thee **(Bride)**, to be my 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, until we are parted by death, as God is my witness, I give you my promise.

I **(Bride)**, take thee **(Groom)**, to be my husband, 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, until we are parted by death, as God is my witness, I give you my promise.