

MARRIAGE VOWS

We are gathered here in the presence of this/these witness(es), to join _____ (name) and _____ (name) together in matrimony. The contract of marriage is a most solemn one, and one not to be entered into lightly, but thoughtfully and seriously and with a deep realization of its obligations and responsibilities. If any can show just cause why this couple should not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

(THEN TO EACH IN TURN, GIVING THEIR NAMES AS APPROPRIATE)

Will you _____ (name) take _____ (name) to be your lawful wedded spouse? Answer: _____ (I do) _____

(DIRECT THE PARTIES TO JOIN HANDS)

Please join hands and face each other.

(THEN TO EACH IN TURN, GIVING THEIR NAME AS APPROPRIATE)

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: I, _____ (name), take you, _____ (name), for my lawful spouse, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

(IF RINGS ARE USED, THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE REPEATED BY EACH PARTNER AS THE RINGS ARE PUT ON).

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: With this ring, I thee wed.

(IF NO RINGS ARE TO BE USED IN THE CEREMONY)

TO BOTH: In the absence of rings and to affirm your vows, please join hands.

(THEN TO EACH IN TURN, GIVING THEIR NAMES AS APPROPRIATE)

PLASE REPEAT AFTER ME: I _____ (name) take thee _____ (name), to be my lawful spouse.

By the power and authority vested in me by the State of Maryland as the authorized Deputy Clerk (Clerk of Court) for Garrett County, Maryland, I now pronounce you lawfully married.

You may seal your vows with a kiss.

Congratulations.
