

Marriage Vows

We are gathered here in the presence of these witnesses, 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 anyone can show just cause why this couple should not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

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

(Repeat above).

(DIRECT THE PARTIES TO JOIN HANDS)

AT THIS POINT SAY: Please join hands and face each other....

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

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: "I _____ (name), take you, _____, 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.

(REPEAT ABOVE)

X (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.

(REPEAT ABOVE).

x TO BOTH: Please join hands

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

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

(REPEAT ABOVE).

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

WE ARE GATHERED HERE IN THE PRESENCE OF THESE WITNESSES TO JOIN THIS MAN AND THIS WOMAN TOGETHER IN MATRIMONY. THE CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE IS A MOST SOLEMN ONE, AND NOT TO BE ENTERED INTO LIGHTLY; BUT THOUGHTFULLY AND SERIOUSLY WITH A DEEP REALIZATION OF ITS OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. IF ANYONE CAN SHOW JUST CAUSE WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE LAWFULLY JOINED TOGETHER, LET HIM NOW SPEAK, OR ELSE FOREVER HOLD HIS PEASE.

(TO THE GROOM)

DO YOU, _____, TAKE, _____, HERE PRESENT FOR YOUR LAWFUL WIFE?

ANSWER: I WILL

(TO THE BRIDE)

DO YOU, _____, TAKE, _____, HERE PRESENT FOR YOUR LAWFUL HUSBAND?

ANSWER: I WILL

(ASK BRIDE AND GROOM TO JOIN HANDS)

(TO THE GROOM) REPEAT AFTER ME.....

I, _____, TAKE YOU, _____, HERE PRESENT FOR MY LAWFUL WIFE, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, FOR BETTER OR WORSE, FOR RICHER OR POORER, IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH, UNTIL DEATH DO US PART.

(TO THE BRIDE) REPEAT AFTER ME.....

I, _____, TAKE YOU, _____, HERE PRESENT FOR MY LAWFUL HUSBAND, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, FOR BETTER OR WORSE, FOR RICHER OR POORER, IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH, UNTIL DEATH DO US PART.

(REPEAT AS RING IS PLACED ON FINGER) (GROOM FIRST, THEN BRIDE)

WITH THIS ^{Ring} ~~RIGHT~~, I THEE WED.

RING,

BY THE POWER AND AUTHORITY VESTED BY LAW IN ME AS THE CLERK OF COURT OR AUTHORIZED DEPUTY CLERK FOR SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND, I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU HUSBAND AND WIFE.

YOU MAY KISS YOUR BRIDE