

## Marriage Vows

We are gathered here in the presence of these witnesses, to join \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ take \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
your lawful wedded spouse?

Answer: I DO. (REPEAT)

Please join hands and face each other and repeat after me:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, 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).

IF THEY HAVE RINGS THEN SAY:

Please repeat after me .....With this ring, I thee wed. (REPEAT).

Join hands and please repeat after me:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take thee, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my  
lawful spouse. (REPEAT).

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