

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.

(Then to each in turn, giving their names as appropriate).

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)

(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).

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 Worcester County, Maryland, I now pronounce you lawfully married.