

Renewal of Vows

Welcome & Opening:

Good relationships never stop growing. Like fine wine, they get better with age. _____ and _____, you have now been married _____ years and through all the years of your journey together, you have now come to this beautiful setting, so that you could renew your vow and commitment of love for each other.

No marriage is perfect. As you continue in this union, you already know that it will continue to take a lot of love and work to keep your relationship an ongoing success.

Many couples tend to think of marriage as a 50/50 proposition. Actually, the best relationships are 90/10. If you both will give 90 percent and take only 10 percent, you will have a formula likely to continue to bring both of you happiness for a lifetime.

As you continue on your journey together, I ask you to remember this advice:

Let your love be stronger than your anger.

Learn the wisdom of compromise, for it is better to bend than to break.

Believe the best of your beloved rather than the worst.

Confide in your partner and ask for help when you need it.

Remember that true friendship is the basis for any lasting relationship.

Give your spouse the same courtesies and kindnesses you bestow on your friends.

Say "I love you" every day.

You may wish to add a reading or song here.

Vows:

_____, I remind you that marriage is a precious gift; a lifelong dedication to love and a daily challenge to love one another more fully and more freely.

With this understanding, do you _____, continue to take _____ as your beloved wife?

Will you continue to be a tender, faithful husband?

Will you continue to love and cherish her, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse, and keep yourself only unto her?

With this understanding, do you _____, continue to take _____ as your beloved husband?

Will you continue to be a tender, faithful wife?

Will you continue to love and cherish him, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse, and keep yourself only unto him?

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Rings:

_____ and _____ have rings as the outward symbols of your ongoing commitment to each other.

From earliest times, the ring has been a symbol of wedded love. An unbroken and never ending circle symbolizes a commitment to love that is also never ending.

_____, hold _____'s hand, touch her ring, symbolically giving it to her again, and say to her these words.

From this day on, I recommit myself to you, and this ring is a symbol of my pledge.

_____, hold _____'s hand, touch his ring, symbolically giving it to him again, and say to him these words.

From this day on, I recommit myself to you, and this ring is a symbol of my pledge.

Let these rings serve as the symbol of your continued love and commitment to each other and may they also serve as a sign of your continued happiness and joy.

Closing:

May the sun bring you new energy by day.

May the moon softly restore you by night.

May the rain wash away your worries.

And may you live the days of your lives in peace, love, and happiness.

Pronouncement:

_____ and _____, having witnessed your vows of affirmation with all who are assembled here, and by the authority of love itself, I do affirm that you have expressed your desire to continue as husband and wife.

Kiss:

You may seal your vows, and confirm your continued commitment and love for each other, with a kiss.

Presentation:

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my honor to present to you, once again as husband and wife: _____ and _____.