

## Friendship vows

Family and friends, we are here today to witness the marriage of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. You have shared and contributed to their lives in the past and by witnessing their marriage ceremony today \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ask you to share in their future. Marriage is a promise, made in the hearts of two people who love each other, which takes a lifetime to fulfill. Within the circle of its love, marriage encompasses all of life's most important relationships. A wife and a husband are each other's lover, teacher, listener, and best friend. It is into this state that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ wish to enter.

Do you \_\_\_\_\_ take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your wife, your partner in life and your one true love; To cherish your friendship and love today, tomorrow, and forever. Will you trust her honor her, love her faithfully through the best and the worst, through the difficult and the easy. What may come will you always be there? As you have given her hand to hold, will you give her your life to keep? If so answer I Do.

Do you \_\_\_\_\_ take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your Husband, your partner in life and your one true love; To cherish your friendship and love today, tomorrow, and forever. Will you trust Him honor Him, love Him faithfully through the best and the worst, through the difficult and the easy. What may come will you always be there? As you have given Him your hand to hold will you give him your life to keep? If so answer I Do.

You will now have these vows sealed by the giving and receiving of the rings. The ring is a symbol and a reminder of the promises made by the married couple to one another. With this ring you do now and forever seal these marriage vows.

\_\_\_\_\_ you will now take \_\_\_\_\_ left hand and place the ring on her finger and repeat after me.

You are my life, my love, and my best friend, may this be a reminder of my love and commitment we made here today. I pledge myself...all that I am...in love to you. Take this ring and be my wife.

\_\_\_\_\_ you will now take \_\_\_\_\_ left hand and place the ring on his finger and repeat after me.

You are my life, my love, and my best friend, may this be a reminder of my love and commitment we made here today. I pledge myself...all that I am...in love to you. Take this ring and be my husband.

### Unity Sand Ceremony:

"Today, this relationship is symbolized through the pouring of these two individual containers of sand, one representing you BRIDE and all that you were, all that you are, and all that you will ever be, and the other representing you, GROOM, and all that you were and all that you are, and all that you will ever be. As these two containers of sand are poured into the third container, the individual containers of sand will no longer exist, but will be joined together as one. Just as these grains of sand can never be separated and poured again into the individual containers, so will your marriage be."

If children are involved;

"(Children's name/s) your mother (and/or father) and (name) love you very much, and want you to know that you are and will always be a very important part of their lives. Will you please pour some sand into this glass container along with your good wishes? That would mean so much to them." (Parents then hug and kiss their children!)

### Unity Candle Ceremony

"\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the two lighted candles symbolize your separate lives, your separate families and your separate sets of friends. I ask that you each take one candle and that together you light the center candle. The individual candles represent your individual lives before today. Lighting the center candle represents that your two lives are now joined to one light, and represents the joining together of your two families and sets of friends to one."

If Children Are Involved

"The lighting of the center candle represents not only the union of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in marriage, but the unity formed in this new family in which your lives will now shine as one family.

Verse 1 (1 Corinthians 13) Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous: love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own... but rejoices with the truth.

Now having pledged your love and loyalty to each other and having sealed the pledge with a ring ... I do by the authority vested in me, conforming with the laws of the State of Arizona pronounce you husband and wife. You may now kiss the bride.

It is my honor to pronounce for the very first time Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_!