



Welcome, we are here today to celebrate love. Name 1 and Name 2 have chosen this day as their wedding day. Let us surround them with our love and best wishes.

Name 1 and Name 2, Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens.

A good marriage must be created.

The little things are the big things.

It is never being too old to hold hands.

It is remembering to say I love you at least once a day.

It is never going to sleep angry.

It is at no time taking the other for granted.

The courtship should not end with the honeymoon, it should continue through all the years.

It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.

It is standing together to face the world.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.

It is doing things for each other, not in the attitude of duty or sacrifice, but in the spirit of joy.

It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is not expecting one person to wear a halo, or the other to have the wings of an angel.

It is not looking for perfection in each other.

It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding and a sense of humor.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.

It is finding and creating room for things of the spirit.

It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.

It is establishing a relationship in which the independence is equal, dependence is mutual and the obligation is reciprocal.

It is not only marrying the right partner, it is being the right partner.

Name 1 and Name 2 please face each other and hold each other's hands.

These hands that you hold on this your wedding day as you promise to love each other all the days of your lives are the hands of your best friend. These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future, as you laugh, cry, as you share your innermost secrets and dreams.

These are the hands that will hold you tight as you struggle through difficult times  
These are the hands that will comfort you when you are sick, or console you when you are grieving.  
These are the hands that will love you and cherish you through the years, for a lifetime of happiness. These are the hands that will give you support you encourage each other to chase down your dreams. Together as a team, everything you wish for can be realized.

Name 1 and Name 2 understanding the sacred contract you are about to make are you now prepared to make your wedding promises to each other?

Name 1 do you take Name 2 to be your wife, your partner in all that life brings, to share her moments of glory and achievement, to marry your voice with hers when it rings out in laughter, and to comfort her when she/ is in pain, for as long as you both shall live?

Name 2 do you take Name 1 to be your husband, your partner in all that life brings, to share in his moments of glory and achievement, to marry your voice with his when it rings out in laughter, and to comfort him when he is in pain, for as long as you both shall live?

The rings please:

Your rings are a symbol of the unbroken circle of love. Love freely given has no beginning and is has no end, no giver and no receiver, for each is the giver and each is the acceptor. May your rings always remind you of the vows you have just taken.

Name 1 as you place Name 2's ring upon her finger please repeat after me: "With this ring, I pledge my love and my life to you"

Name 2 as you place Nielsh's ring upon his finger, please repeat after me: "With this ring, I pledge my love and my life to you."

We ask You blessings dear God that this couple may be blessed with an abundance of resources and comforts, and be helpful to one another in all ways.

That they be strong and complement one another.

May they be blessed with prosperity and riches on all levels.

May this couple be eternally happy and may this couple be blessed with a happy family life.

May this couple live in perfect harmony true to their personal values and their joint promises.

And, may this couple always be the best of friends. like two sweet-singing birds perched upon the highest branches of the tree of life Filling the air with songs of love.

**Let the power** of your love make you happy and the strength of your dedication to each other make you inseparable. Be close but not too close, be understanding and patient with each other. For each of you have your journey of life. Storms will come but they will pass quickly. Always remember that the sun shines behind the storm clouds.

Find the humor in the moment. For yesterday is already a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision, But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of vision and every tomorrow a vision of hope

Name 1 and Name 2 because you promised to give yourselves to one another and to love one another, which has been symbolized the sharing of vows and giving and receiving of rings, by the powers vested in me by the State of Oregon I now pronounce you husband and wife.

Kiss now and celebrate the first sweet kiss of your marriage.