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**Commitment Vows
Resources**

Commitment Ceremony Resource

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Commitment Ceremony

A commitment ceremony serves the same important purpose as a traditional wedding. It's a public declaration of your life long commitment to each other, made before your family and friends.

Having a commitment ceremony reaffirms your love for each other and provides you both with a sense of permanence and stability. It's the closest thing you can have to a wedding ceremony, and can include all the segments that a wedding ceremony has including:-

- Introduction
- Exchanging of Vows
- Exchanging of rings
- Handfasting
- Rose Ceremony
- Blending of sand ceremony
- Candle lighting ceremony
- Planting a tree
- Various symbolic rituals
- Poems
- Prayers
- Blessings
- Music
- Songs
- Conclusion

Commitment Ceremonies may represent the needs of two people who have lived together for many years, but who do not wish to get married.

Or, marriage may be something they're considering for the future, but wish to make their commitment to each other a formal one.

It may be two people who are newly together in a relationship and wish to honour the intensity of that relationship without legally binding themselves together.

In some cases, when a couple is to be married overseas where few of their relatives and friends will be able to attend, they may commit themselves in front of their friends prior to the official marriage ceremony.

Couples who are intending to live together, and either one or both of them have children, will have a commitment ceremony to make their children understand that this relationship is a lasting one.

They may even have their children be part of that ceremony. This is particularly pertinent when the couple decide to buy a house and live as a family.

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Introduction Ceremony Samples

No. 1

Welcome to the celebration of this union between _____ and _____,

Today, in front of their friends and family, they honour their commitment to each other by proclaiming their love to the world.

It is an act of faith in each other and in their relationship, believing as they do that their love is not just for today but for the rest of their life.

_____ and _____ accept that a lasting and growing love is neither automatic, nor guaranteed by any ceremony.

However, it is their resolve that their public statements of commitment, is just the beginning to an enduring love.

Today they stand fast in hope and confidence, believing in their shared future and determined that their love will endure despite the inevitable difficulties they will face.

No. 2

Welcome to the celebration of love between _____ and _____.

We have been invited to witness their commitment each other because we are the friends and relations who have been part of all the great moments of their lives.

Today, being one of the greatest moments yet, they wish us to witness and rejoice with them as they publicly acknowledge their love for each other.

In witnessing this ceremony today, we realise that this is a public commitment which has already been made by _____ and _____ in their hearts and in their minds a long time ago.

No. 3

Today, we rejoice with _____ and _____ as they commit themselves to the one person in the world in whom they have such perfect faith that they wish to face the world together for the rest of their life.

The words and traditions reflected in this ceremony are based on _____ and _____ connection to each other, and to the world around them.

It is a celebration of a love and life within a community of friends and family, as well as paying tribute to their own relationship.

No. 4

Today is a celebration of the most intimate of human experiences, the love that unites two people.

While this is such a personal experience, it is, at the same time a common bond that they share with every human being who has ever experienced love.

_____ and _____ share a moment with all of those who have found the one person who gives them that wonderful feeling of being truly alive; the one person with whom they want to share their joys and the sorrows, their triumphs and the tragedies.

We are we here for the celebration of the joining of these two people together, to wish them well, and to assure them of our support for the years to come.

No. 5

_____ and _____ have invited us to be present as they publicly acknowledge their love for each other.

We applaud the strength of their love, and the courage of their commitment, as they take into their care the one person who means more than anything else in the entire world to them, accepting the responsibility that this commitment entails.

There is no better way of life than sharing its hopes, joys and dreams with the one you love

No. 6

We are gathered here today to celebrate the love found by _____ and _____, for each other. Love, it is said, is a gift that nothing can replace, but which can take the place of all the rest.

Love leads us to our true destination. and _____ and _____ have finally found theirs in each other.

We will witness as they make their vows of commitment to each other and unite in wishing them well and every happiness in their future life together.

No. 7

We have gathered here today to be witnesses the union of _____ and _____.who have chosen to make their commitment to each other in the presence of their friends and family.

While this is their public commitment to each other, they have already made their vows to each other in their hearts and mind a long time ago.

We, who are present here today, know and understand what they mean to each other, have seen the love and affection with which they treat each other, and hope that this union, celebrated today, enables them to establish a home, where their relationship will grow and deepen even more.

No. 8

Family and friends of _____ and _____, we meet here today to share in _____ and _____'s commitment of vows ceremony.

We have come here not only to witness their commitment to each other, but also to wish them well and share their joy as they commence their life together.

While love is an experience that is universal, to those in love, it is an unique experience that forges a strong bond on which a truly happy relationship is founded.

Love can change all things. Despite the challenges that life brings, a commitment of heart and mind which is based on love, will only strengthen the bond that has brought _____ and _____ here today.

No. 9

Today, on behalf of _____ and _____, I want to welcome you to all witness the celebration of their love for each other as they make a public statement of their commitment to each other.

While they love each other, it is not their intention to change or dominate each other, or to stop growing as individuals.

As they have done in the past, it is their intention to share their dreams, share their responsibilities, while working towards their mutual goals.

No. 10

_____ and _____, are about to make promises to one another, recognising that these promises made today, must be lived tomorrow. That promises are more than just intentions, it is a commitment to living a life in accordance to their common agreement.

While living these vows will not always be easy, _____ and _____ will find that the times of joy will be happier for having someone to share them with, while the sad times will be only be half as bad, because there will be someone by your side to help carry the burden.

For those times when life presents all of us with challenges, remember that prayer for serenity - God grant me the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

No. 11

_____ and _____ since your lives have crossed in this life, you have formed ties between each other. As you commit yourselves to each other today, strive to make real, the ideals which give meaning to this ceremony.

In times past it was believed that the human soul shared characteristics with all things divine.

It is this belief which assigned virtues to the four elements, water, fire, air and earth. It is this tradition that a blessing is offered in support of this ceremony.

Bless this couple, their love, and their partnership as long as they shall live in love together. May they each enjoy a healthy life filled with joy, love, stability and fertility. (Turns to the East)

Blessed be by the element of air. May you be blessed with communication, intellectual growth, and wisdom. (Turns to the South)

Blessed be by the element of fire. May you be blessed with harmony, vitality, creativity, and passion. (Turns to the West)

Blessed be by the element of water. May you be blessed with friendship, intuition, caring, understanding, and love. (Turns to the North)

Blessed be by the element of earth. May you be blessed with tenderness, happiness, compassion, and sensuality. (Faces all)

In all times, the long slow climb of evolution has no greater culmination than the union of people in love.

So when there are those of us who love enough to make a commitment such as this one between _____ and _____, the very stars rejoice at the rediscovery of love, joy, and bounty.

No. 12

Today _____ and _____ have come together to make a commitment to each other to begin a life together as a couple. They have come to make a commitment to walk hand in hand, facing the future together.

While they have enjoyed their separateness, and have no intention of abandoning all the differences which make up their individuality, they recognise that together they are stronger.

They have enjoyed the play of romance, as we have enjoyed watching their love bloom, and today they want to acknowledge their deeper feelings for each other which goes beyond romance.

Today they want to make a commitment to each other, by stating their intention to each other. It is love in action. And love in action for _____ and _____ is to love each other for the rest of their life.

No. 13

Today, among their relatives and friends, _____ and _____ make a public statement of commitment to each other.

Having been together for many years, their love for each other growing ever stronger, they have come to the understanding that not only do they love each other, rely on each other, trust each other, they cannot live without each other.

It is their intention to forge a lasting relationship which they want the world to know. They make their commitment to each other in front of us all because they want that relationship to last for the rest of their lives.

As they make their intentions to each other here today, they are declaring to each other, and to all those witnessing their commitment, that they are willing to share the future with each other no matter what that future might hold.

No. 14

Someone once said, 'It is better to have loved and lost, than not to have loved at all'. It is this certainty that love is worth everything in the world, that _____ and _____ has decided to make their commitment to each other, while recognising that there will always be challenges in the life they have chose for each other.

Their vows will include the promise to continue to love through the good and the bad moments of life, through the happy and joyful times as well as the sad and difficult times.

Theirs is the unconditional love of two people whose experience together has been good enough for them to belief they can face whatever life brings them when they face life together.

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Affirmation of Intent Ceremony Samples

No. 1

Celebrant: _____, do you take _____ as your partner in life?

Do you promise to love and respect her; cherish and encourage her; laugh with her in the good times; unite with her in the bad; care for her in sickness; rejoice with her in health; share with her your riches and honours; comfort her with your body and soul; with a glad heart treasure her, all the days of your life?

Partner No.1: I do.

Celebrant: _____, do you take _____ as your partner in life?

Do you promise to love and respect him; cherish and encourage him; laugh with him in the good times; unit with him in the bad; care for him in sickness; rejoice with him in health; share with him your riches and honours; comfort him with your body and soul; with a glad heart treasure him, all the days of your life?

Partner No.2: I do.

No. 2

Celebrant: _____, do you now commit yourself to _____, to love her, honour her and respect her?

Partner No.1: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to look to your own emotional health so that you can relate in a healthy way, and provide a healthy home for your children?

Partner No.1: I do.

Celebrant: Will you support and comfort _____ in times of sickness and health, sorrow and joy as long as love shall last?

Partner No.1: I will.

Celebrant: _____, do you now commit yourself to _____, to love him, honour him and respect him?

Partner No.2: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to look to your own emotional health so that you can relate in a healthy way, and provide a healthy home for your children?

Partner No.2: I do.

Celebrant: Will you support and comfort _____ in times of sickness and health, sorrow and joy as long as love shall last?

Partner No.2: I will.

No. 3

Celebrant: _____, is it your wish to be joined as a life partner with _____ today?

Partner No.1: It is.

Celebrant: Will you share in all things, comfort in all things and to be by your partner's side, come what may?

Partner No.1: I will.

Celebrant: _____, is it your wish to be joined as a life partner with _____ today?

Partner No.2: It is.

Celebrant: Will you share in all things, comfort in all things and to be by your partner's side, come what may?

Partner No.2: I will.

Celebrant: What token do you offer to _____ as a symbol of your commitment today?

Partner No.1: This ring.

Celebrant: What token do you offer to _____ as a symbol of your commitment today?

Partner No.2: This ring.

No. 4

Celebrant: _____, do you take _____ as your partner in life, promising to care for him, to respect his individuality, to cherish him as he is, to love him for as long as you both shall live?

Partner No.1: I do.

Celebrant: _____, do you take _____ as your partner in life, promising to care for her, to respect her individuality, to cherish her as she is, to love her for as long as you both shall live.

Partner No.2: I do.

No. 5

Celebrant: Do you _____, take _____ as your friend and love, beside you and apart from you, in laughter and in tears, in conflict and tranquillity; asking that she be no other than herself; loving what you know of her, trusting what you do not yet know, in all the ways life may find you?

Partner No.1: I do.

Celebrant: Do you, _____, take _____ as your friend and love, beside you and apart from you, in laughter and in tears, in conflict and tranquillity: asking that he be no other than himself; loving what you know of him, trusting what you do not yet know, in all the ways life may find you?

Partner No.2: I do.

No. 6

Celebrant: Do you promise to be _____'s friend, and faithful partner in life, to stay by his side in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, through the good times and bad times, comforting him in times of distress, encouraging him to achieve all his dreams, to laugh with him and cry with him, as long as you both shall live?

Partner No.1: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to be _____'s friend, and faithful partner in life, to stay by her side in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, through the good times and bad times, comforting her in times of distress, encouraging her to achieve all her dreams, to laugh with her and cry with her, as long as you both shall live?

Partner No.2: I do.

No. 7

Celebrant: _____, do you promise to share the responsibility for your growth as a couple, sharing each other's joys and sorrows, and facing life's challenges as equal partners in an equal partnership?

Partner No.1: I do.

Celebrant: _____, do you promise to share the responsibility for your growth as a couple, sharing each other's joys and sorrows, and facing life's challenges as equal partners in an equal partnership?

Partner No.2: I do.

No. 8

Celebrant: In the presence of this community, represented by your relatives and friends, do you, _____, promise to be faithful and understanding, offering _____ a lifetime of love, friendship and trust?

Partner No.1: I do.

Celebrant: In the presence of this community, represented by your relatives and friends, do you, _____, promise to be faithful and understanding, offering _____ a lifetime of love, friendship and trust?

Partner No.2: I do.

Celebrant: (turning to the guests)

Will all of you here witnessing their commitment to each other, do all that is in your power to support and encourage _____ and _____ in fulfilling the promises they make here today?

Everyone: I do.

Celebrant: Please carry it by acclamation.

No. 9

Celebrant: Do you, _____, promise to care for _____, to respect her individuality, cherish her as your best friend, laugh with her

when she is happy, comfort her in times of sorrow, and love her as long as you both shall live?

Partner No.1: I do.

Celebrant: Do you, _____, promise to care for _____, to respect his individuality, cherish him as your best friend, laugh with him when he is happy, comfort him in times of sorrow, and love him as long as you both shall live?

Partner No.2: I do.

No. 10

Celebrant: Do you make a commitment to _____ today, to be loving partners and friends, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to support, so that the home you're planning for yourselves and your children, will be one of peace, compassion, happiness and love?

Partner No. 1: I do.

Celebrant: Do you make a commitment to _____ today, to be loving partners and friends, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to support, so that the home you're planning for yourselves and your children, will be one of peace, compassion, happiness and love?

Partner No. 2: I do.

No. 11

Celebrant: Do you, _____, take _____ to be your constant friend, partner in life, and true love?

To love _____ without reservation, to honour, respect, protect from harm, comfort in times of distress, and to grow with _____ in mind and spirit?

Partner No. 1: I do.

Celebrant: Do you, _____, take _____ to be your constant friend, partner in life, and true love?

To love _____ without reservation, to honour, respect, protect from harm, comfort in times of distress, and to grow with _____ in mind and spirit?

Partner No. 2:
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I do.

Vows and Promises Ceremony Samples

Apart from traditional vows, partners can also address each other by reciting an appropriate poem. Or even have friends read the poems on their behalf.

No. 1

Celebrant: Today you join yourselves together for life, as friends and lovers.

As the surface of the sea is sometimes calm and often storm tossed, so also, is your partnership.

Partner No.1: I pledge to you _____, that my love and my loyalty, will weather the storms of life.

I will always seek counsel when I make life decisions, and will respect your needs and concerns.

No matter what course we set, we will do it together.

Partner No.2: I pledge to you, _____, that my love and my loyalty, will weather the storms of life.

I will always seek counsel when I make life decisions, and will respect your needs and concerns.

No matter what course we set, we will do it together.

No. 2

Celebrant: _____ and _____, we are here to celebrate as you begin this journey together

It is in this spirit that you have come here to today to exchange these vows.

Partner No.1: I, _____ take you, _____ to be my partner for life.

I promise above all else to live in truth with you, and to communicate fully and fearlessly.

I give you my hand and my heart as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, and pledge my love, devotion, faith and honour as I join my life to yours.

Partner No.2: I, _____take you _____to be my partner for life.

I promise above all else, to live in truth with you, and to communicate fully and fearlessly.

I give you my hand and my heart as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, and pledge my love, devotion, faith and honour as I join my life to yours.

No. 3

Partner No.1: Here among our friends and relatives I commit myself to you.

From this hour, I surrender myself to you, secure in our love for each other and in the bond that exists between us.

Partner No.2: Here among our friends and relatives I commit myself to you.

From this hour, I surrender myself to you, secure in our love for each other and in the bond that exists between us.

No. 4

Partner No. 1: _____, on this day, a day we choose together to meet in union before family and friends, I accept you as my partner in the name of love.

Partner No.2: _____, on this day, a day we choose together to meet in union before family and friends, I accept you as my partner in the name of love.

No. 5

Partner No.1: Stay with me.
Learn with me.

Live by my side.
I will be faithful and true to you for the rest of my life.

Partner No.2: Stay with me.
Learn with me.
Live by my side.
I will be faithful and true to you for the rest of my life.

No. 6

Partner No.1: Today I rejoice in committing my life to yours.

Partner No.2: Today I rejoice in committing my life to yours.

No. 7

Partner No.1: I commit myself to you joyfully and without reservation.

I pledge to share my life openly with you, so that we may
continue to grow and laugh together.

I cherish all that you are, and I trust in your love for me.

I promise to be with you and for you through all the changes of
our lives.

Partner No.2: I commit myself to you joyfully and without reservation.

I pledge to share my life openly with you, so that we may
continue to grow and laugh together.

I cherish all that you are, and I trust in your love for me.

I promise to be with you and for you through all the changes of
our lives.

No. 8

Partner No.1: I promise to love you unconditionally, cherish you and all of our
days together, comfort you in sadness, laugh with you in

happiness, be understanding of your feelings, stand by you in good times and bad through life's trials and tribulations, be honest and faithful to you, commit myself fully to you and to the life we have chosen to live together.

Partner No.2: I promise to love you unconditionally, cherish you and all of our days together, comfort you in sadness, laugh with you in happiness, be understanding of your feelings, stand by you in good times and bad through life's trials and tribulations, be honest and faithful to you, commit myself fully to you and to the life we have chosen to live together.

No. 9

Partner No.1: I commit myself to you because I love you, respect you, and honour you.

I promise to share in our triumphs and our trials for all the years to come.

Partner No.2: I commit myself to you because I love you, respect you, and honour you.

I promise to share in our triumphs and our trials for all the years to come.

No. 10

Partner No.1: When you need strength, I will offer mine.

When you need words of encouragement, I will listen and provide support.

When you need solace and comfort and the silent speech of love, I will understand.

I place you in my heart today, before all others, and I pledge to work from this hour forward to make our commitment a sound and challenging one.

Partner No.2: When you need strength, I will offer mine.

When you need words of encouragement, I will listen and provide support.

When you need solace and comfort and the silent speech of love, I will understand.

I place you in my heart today, before all others, and I pledge to work from this hour forward to make our commitment a sound and challenging one.

No. 11

Partner No.1:

Today, in the presence of God and my family and friends, I make a life commitment to you. In making this commitment I promise:

To love, treasure and respect you as you are.

To be loyal to you and to believe in you.

To trust you in the good times and bad when our future is uncertain.

To be interested in and supportive of you in your work.

To share life's adventures and events with you as a friend.

To welcome with love the gift of children.

Partner No.2:

Today, in the presence of God and my family and friends, I make a life commitment to you. In making this commitment I promise:

To love, treasure and respect you as you are.

To be loyal to you and to believe in you.

To trust you in the good times and bad when our future is uncertain.

To be interested in and supportive of you in your work.

To share life's adventures and events with you as a friend.

To welcome with love the gift of children.

No. 12

Partner No.1: I will share my joy with you, that it be multiplied. I will share your pain, that it be divided. I will walk by your side as we travel together through life's changes. I will sleep in your arms and that love will be my home.

Partner No.2: I will share my joy with you, that it be multiplied. I will share your pain, that it be divided. I will walk by your side as we travel together through life's changes. I will sleep in your arms and that love will be my home.

No. 13

Partner No.1: Today I give you my hand so that you will never be alone.

I give you my laughter, so that your happiness may always be my happiness.

I give you my friendship to support and encourage you.

I give you my heart for it belongs to you.

Partner No.2: Today I give you my hand so that you will never be alone.

I give you my laughter, so that your happiness may always be my happiness.

I give you my friendship to support and encourage you.

I give you my heart for it belongs to you.

No. 14

Partner No.1: I promise to give you the best of myself and to ask of you no more than you can give.

I promise to respect you as your own person and to realize that your interests, desires and needs are no less important than my own.

I promise to share with you my time and my attention and to bring joy, strength and imagination to our relationship.

Partner No.2: I promise to give you the best of myself and to ask of you no more than you can give.

I promise to respect you as your own person and to realize that your interests, desires and needs are no less important than my own.

I promise to share with you my time and my attention and to bring joy, strength and imagination to our relationship.

No.15

Partner No.1: _____, today we make a commitment to one another.

I affirm the special bond and love between us, and promise to keep it alive always.

I promise to be your confidante, your best friend and to share in your hopes and dreams.

Partner No.2: _____, today we make a commitment to one another.

I affirm the special bond and love between us, and promise to keep it alive always.

I promise to be your confidante, your best friend and to share in your hopes and dreams.

No. 16

Partner No.1: I, _____, affirm the relationship we have enjoyed, looking to the future to deepen and strengthen it.

I will be yours in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health,
in failure and in triumph.

Together we will dream, we will stumble but restore each other,
we will share all things, serving each other and our fellow
humanity.

I will cherish and respect you, comfort and encourage you, be
open with you, and stay with you as long as we shall live, freed
and bound by our Love.

Partner No.2: I, _____, affirm the relationship we have enjoyed, looking to the
future to deepen and strengthen it.

I will be yours in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health,
in failure and in triumph.

Together we will dream, we will stumble but restore each other,
we will share all things, serving each other and our fellow
humanity.

I will cherish and respect you, comfort and encourage you, be
open with you, and stay with you as long as we shall live, freed
and bound by our Love.

No. 17

Partner No.1: Before our friends and those so special to us here, on this
wonderful day of gladness and good fortune, I _____, commit
myself to you in friendship and in love, in strength and
weakness.

To share the good times and misfortune, in achievement and
failure, to celebrate life with you forevermore.

Partner No.2: Before our friends and those so special to us here, on this
wonderful day of gladness and good fortune, I _____, commit
myself to you in friendship and in love, in strength and
weakness.

To share the good times and misfortune, in achievement and
failure, to celebrate life with you forevermore.

No. 18

Partner No.1: _____, our love means more to me than anything else in life.
There is no person, or approval I value more than your love.
There is no obstacle I would not overcome to reach you.

I give myself to our union as I welcome you as my partner in life.

May our love forever keep us strong.

Partner No.2: _____, our love means more to me than anything else in life.
There is no person, or approval I value more than your love.
There is no obstacle I would not overcome to reach you.

I give myself to our union as I welcome you as my partner in life.

May our love forever keep us strong.

No. 19

Partner No.1: I join myself to you today because I love you, respect you, and honour you. I commit myself to you to sharing equally in both the triumphs and trials of the days to come.

I take you as my partner. I offer all that I am in return, and pledge to remember, over every day of our partnership, why we unite here today.

Partner No.2: I join myself to you today because I love you, respect you, and honour you. I commit myself to you to sharing equally in both the triumphs and trials of the days to come.

I take you as my partner. I offer all that I am in return, and pledge to remember, over every day of our partnership, why we unite here today.

No. 20

Partner No.1: I, _____, take you _____ to be my partner. I publicly declare both my intent and commitment to you today as your lover and your best friend.

I promise to love you in good times as in bad, in sickness as in health, for richer or for poorer until we are so parted by death.

With this ring, I pledge my self and my love to you.

Partner No.2: I, _____, take you _____ to be my partner. I publicly declare both my intent and commitment to you today as your lover and your best friend.

I promise to love you in good times as in bad, in sickness as in health, for richer or for poorer until we are so parted by death.

With this ring, I pledge myself and my love to you.

No. 21

Partner No.1: You have captured my mind and soul, and I here commit them to our union.

From this hour, may we surrender to one another, completely rejoicing in the power of our new partnership, secure in our own identities, and certain in our bond.

Partner No.2: You have captured my mind and soul, and I here commit them to our union.

From this hour, may we surrender to one another, completely rejoicing in the power of our new partnership, secure in our own identities, and certain in our bond.

No. 22

Partner No.1: With you, love means freedom. Freedom to love you without judgment and freedom to be yours while maintaining the very soul of me.

So on this day, a day we choose together to meet in union before family and friends, I, _____, accept you, _____, as my partner, in the name of love.

My most cherished freedom is now the freedom to love you for a lifetime.

Partner No.2: With you, love means freedom. Freedom to love you without judgment and freedom to be yours while maintaining the very soul of me.

So on this day, a day we choose together to meet in union before family and friends, I, _____, accept you, _____, as my partner, in the name of love.

My most cherished freedom is now the freedom to love you for a lifetime.

No. 23

Partner No.1: My aim is not to change you, but rather to grow with you. I bring a stronger heart to this choice than I have brought to any other.

Stay with me. Learn with me. Live by my side. I will do the same faithfully and joyously.

Partner No.2: My aim is not to change you, but rather to grow with you. I bring a stronger heart to this choice than I have brought to any other.

Stay with me. Learn with me. Live by my side. I will do the same faithfully and joyously.

No. 24

Partner No.1: I will base my life with you on love and caring. I will be considerate of your wishes and desires, and respect your integrity and intentions.

I will support your dreams and goals, and strive to keep our lives full of laughter and joy. Where there are troubles, I will stand with you. I bring to you the very best person that I can be, now and forever.

Partner No.2: I will base my life with you on love and caring. I will be considerate of your wishes and desires, and respect your integrity and intentions.

I will support your dreams and goals, and strive to keep our lives full of laughter and joy. Where there are troubles, I will stand with you. I bring to you the very best person that I can be, now and forever.

No. 25

Partner No.1: _____, with love, friendship and trust, I commit myself to you in joy and gladness.

When you need me, I will be there, and when your strength fails you, may mine always be there for you.

Side by side, step by step, may our journey together begin here, from this day forward.

Partner No.2: _____, with love, friendship and trust, I commit myself to you in joy and gladness.

When you need me, I will be there, and when your strength fails you, may mine always be there for you.

Side by side, step by step, may our journey together begin here, from this day forward.

No. 26

Partner No.1: Your love has provided me with vision and depth beyond the reaches of my years.

Now with you at my side, my goals are clear, my hopes are high, and my life is full of purpose. I am ready and able to offer all that I am to you from this day forward.

With aspirations tempered by realism and love limited by nothing, I join with you from this day forward.

Partner No.2: Your love has provided me with vision and depth beyond the reaches of my years.

Now with you at my side, my goals are clear, my hopes are high, and my life is full of purpose. I am ready and able to offer all that I am to you from this day forward.

With aspirations tempered by realism and love limited by nothing, I join with you from this day forward.

No. 27

Partner No.1: Today I stand by you, proud and happy, of the special love we have found. Today we celebrate all that lies ahead.

I promise to love, cherish, and honour you all the days of my life. I pledge to you faithfulness and friendship in good times and bad, in sickness and in health, from this day forward.

Partner No.2: Today I stand by you, proud and happy, of the special love we have found. Today we celebrate all that lies ahead.

I promise to love, cherish, and honour you all the days of my life. I pledge to you faithfulness and friendship in good times and bad, in sickness and in health, from this day forward.

No. 28

Partner No.1: Love is the reason we are here before God. And I believe that today, God opens his hand to us.

I believe that I was chosen to live my life with you from this day forward.

Today I act on this belief before our friends and family, giving myself unendingly to you.

Partner No.2: Love is the reason we are here before God. And I believe that today, God opens his hand to us.

I believe that I was chosen to live my life with you from this day forward.

No. 29

Partner No.1: I open my arms to you in the promise of everlasting love, understanding, and hope for the tomorrows yet to come.

May we relish the solidity of God who has entered our lives. In His infinite wisdom, He has brought us together today to be made as one.

May we continue to grow in His sight as a couple.

Partner No.2: I open my arms to you in the promise of everlasting love, understanding, and hope for the tomorrows yet to come.

May we relish the solidity of God who has entered our lives. In His infinite wisdom, He has brought us together today to be made as one.

May we continue to grow in His sight as a couple.

No. 30

Partner No.1: I promise to be your partner in times of joy and in times of trouble, to provide for and support you in friendship, trust, and love.

I promise to work with you to build our lives together.

May we grow, our lives intertwined, our love bringing us closer. Let us create a home based on love.

May it be a home filled with peace, with happiness, and with love.

Partner No.2: I promise to be your partner in times of joy and in times of trouble, to provide for and support you in friendship, trust, and love.

I promise to work with you to build our lives together.

May we grow, our lives intertwined, our love bringing us closer. Let us create a home based on love.

May it be a home filled with peace, with happiness, and with love.

No. 31

Partner No.1: May my heart be your shelter, my arms be your refuge, for when your strength alone will not carry you through, my strength will forever be there for you.

I open my heart and arms to you with the promise of everlasting love, understanding, and hope for our tomorrows yet to come.

Partner No.2: May my heart be your shelter, my arms be your refuge, for when your strength alone will not carry you through, my strength will forever be there for you.

I open my heart and arms to you with the promise of everlasting love, understanding, and hope for our tomorrows yet to come.

No. 32

Partner No.1: I, _____, come to affirm my covenant of love and fidelity to you, _____, and our intention to live together in a committed relationship.

I will love you, comfort you, honour you, and keep you in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, be faithful to you as long as I live.

Partner No.2: I, _____, come to affirm my covenant of love and fidelity to you, _____, and our intention to live together in a committed relationship.

I will love you, comfort you, honour you, and keep you in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, be faithful to you as long as I live.

No. 33

Partner No.1: I commit my life to our partnership. I promise to comfort you, to encourage you in all walks of life.

I promise to express my thoughts and emotions to you, and to listen to you in times of joy and in times of sorrow.

_____, I love you, and you are my closest friend.

Will you let me share with you my life, and all that I am?

Partner No.2: I will.

Partner No.2: I commit my life to our partnership. I promise to comfort you, to encourage you in all walks of life.

I promise to express my thoughts and emotions to you, and to listen to you in times of joy and in times of sorrow.

_____, I love you, and you are my closest friend.

Will you let me share with you my life, and all that I am?

Partner No.1: I will.

No. 34

Partner No.1: I pledge to love you forever. To be open, honest and faithful to you. To nurture your spirit and support your dreams. To honour your thoughts and feelings.

I promise to comfort and challenge you. I promise to stand with you as we share this life, and cherish the memories we make together.

Partner No.2 :I pledge to love you forever. To be open, honest and faithful to you. To nurture your spirit and support your dreams. To honour your thoughts and feelings.

I promise to comfort and challenge you. I promise to stand with you as we share this life, and cherish the memories we make together.

No. 35

Partner No.1: You have brought me the truest happiness I have ever known. I will walk by your side throughout all of life's labours because that is the love I promise to give to you.

I will weep with you, laugh with you, and always listen to you with a patient heart. You are the most beautiful gift in my life.

Partner No.2: You have brought me the truest happiness I have ever known. I will walk by your side throughout all of life's labours because that is the love I promise to give to you.

I will weep with you, laugh with you, and always listen to you with a patient heart. You are the most beautiful gift in my life.

No. 36

Partner No.1: I vow to laugh with you, cry with you, and have fun with you.

I will love you when we are together and when we are apart, when I am proud of you and when I am disappointed in you.

I vow to support your dreams and to respect our differences, to love you and be by your side through all the days and nights of our lives.

Partner No.2: I vow to laugh with you, cry with you, and have fun with you.

I will love you when we are together and when we are apart,
when I am proud of you and when I am disappointed in you.

I vow to support your dreams and to respect our differences, to
love you and be by your side through all the days and nights of
our lives.

No. 37

Partner No.1: I choose now to stay this path with you, wherever it leads,
whatever the outcome; to respect the unique person that you are
and help you to become who you will be.

To travel with you through the adventures of life, loving you at
my side; in all that we will find, I pledge my friendship, my
faith and my love.

Partner No.2: I choose now to stay this path with you, wherever it leads,
whatever the outcome; to respect the unique person that you are
and help you to become who you will be.

To travel with you through the adventures of life, loving you at
my side; in all that we will find, I pledge my friendship, my
faith and my love.

No. 38

Partner No.1: I take you to be no other than who you are; loving what I know
of you and trusting what I don't yet know; with respect for your
integrity and faith in your abiding love for me.

You will know the full joy of love and friendship. In all that life
may bring us, I pledge my love, now and forever.

Partner No.2: I take you to be no other than who you are; loving what I know
of you and trusting what I don't yet know; with respect for your
integrity and faith in your abiding love for me.

You will know the full joy of love and friendship. In all that life
may bring us, I pledge my love, now and forever.

No. 39

Partner No.1: Here among our friends and relatives I commit myself to you.

From this hour, I surrender myself to you, secure in our love for each other and in the bond that exists between us.

Partner No.2: Here among our friends and relatives I commit myself to you.

From this hour, I surrender myself to you, secure in our love for each other and in the bond that exists between us.

No. 40

Partner No.1: I promise to love and care for you, through times of joy and times of sorrow.

To rejoice when you are happy, and grieve when you suffer, to share your interests, and hopes for the future, to try to understand you even when I do not agree.

To do all in my power to help you be your true self, the person God calls you to be.

Partner No.2: I promise to love and care for you, through times of joy and times of sorrow.

To rejoice when you are happy, and grieve when you suffer, to share your interests, and hopes for the future, to try to understand you even when I do not agree.

To do all in my power to help you be your true self, the person God calls you to be.

No. 41

Partner No.1: We are joining here today because we love, respect, and honour each other. And because we are committed to sharing equally in both the triumphs and trials of the days to come.

I take you as my partner. I offer all that I am in return, and pledge to remember, over every day of our partnership, why we unite here today.

Join me in celebrating our love.

Partner No.2: We are joining here today because we love, respect, and honour each other. And because we are committed to sharing equally in both the triumphs and trials of the days to come.

I take you as my partner. I offer all that I am in return, and pledge to remember, over every day of our partnership, why we unite here today.

Join me in celebrating our love.

No. 42

Partner No.1: I commit myself to you joyfully and without reservation. I pledge to share my life openly with you, so that we may continue to grow and laugh together.

I cherish all that you are, and I trust in your love for me. I promise to be with you and for you through all the changes of our lives.

Partner No.2: I commit myself to you joyfully and without reservation. I pledge to share my life openly with you, so that we may continue to grow and laugh together.

I cherish all that you are, and I trust in your love for me. I promise to be with you and for you through all the changes of our lives.

No. 43

Partner No.1: I _____, take you, _____, to be my soul mate and best friend for life. To love you always both through our likenesses and through our differences.

I choose now to stay this path with you wherever it leads, whatever the outcome. I pledge my friendship, faith and love, our souls band together, separate yet one for all our lives to come.

Partner No.2: I _____, take you, _____, to be my soul mate and best friend for life. To love you always both through our likenesses and through our differences.

I choose now to stay this path with you wherever it leads, whatever the outcome. I pledge my friendship, faith and love, our souls band together, separate yet one for all our lives to come.

No. 44

Partner No.1: Today I dedicate myself to you. I commit to work hard at our goals together. I will be patient and kind. I will listen attentively and compromise.

With you I have found my best friend and life partner. Your trust allows me the freedom to be like a butterfly, free to float about and explore the world exactly as I need to.

Partner No.2: Today I dedicate myself to you. I commit to work hard at our goals together. I will be patient and kind. I will listen attentively and compromise.

With you I have found my best friend and life partner. Your trust allows me the freedom to be like a butterfly, free to float about and explore the world exactly as I need to.

No. 45

Partner No.1: You are my best friend for life. I pledge to honour, encourage, and support you through our walk together.

I promise to stand by you and uplift you. I promise to work at our love and always make you a priority in my life.

With every beat of my heart, I will love you.

This is my solemn vow.

Partner No.2: You are my best friend for life. I pledge to honour, encourage, and support you through our walk together.

I promise to stand by you and uplift you. I promise to work at our love and always make you a priority in my life.

With every beat of my heart, I will love you.

This is my solemn vow.

No. 46

Partner No.1: On this special day, I give to you in the presence of God and all these witnesses my promise to stay by your side, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, as well as through the good times and the bad.

I promise to love you without reservation, and cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

Partner No.2: On this special day, I give to you in the presence of God and all these witnesses my promise to stay by your side, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, as well as through the good times and the bad.

I promise to love you without reservation, and cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

No. 47

Partner No.1: You have brought me the truest happiness I have ever known.

I will walk by your side throughout all of life's labours because that is the love I promise to give to you.

Partner No.2: You have brought me the truest happiness I have ever known.

I will walk by your side throughout all of life's labours because that is the love I promise to give to you.

No. 48

Partner No.1: I, _____, take you to be my partner in life. I will cherish our friendship and love today, tomorrow and forever. I will trust you and honour you. I will love faithfully through the difficult and the easy.

Whatever may come I will always be there. As I have given you my hand to hold, so I give you my life to keep. So help me God.

Partner No.2: I, _____, take you to be my partner in life. I will cherish our friendship and love today, tomorrow and forever. I will trust you and honour you. I will love faithfully through the difficult and the easy.

Whatever may come I will always be there. As I have given you my hand to hold, so I give you my life to keep. So help me God.

No. 49

Partner No.1: Today I stand by you, proud and happy, of the special love we have found. Today we celebrate all that lies ahead. I promise to love, cherish, and honour you all the days of my life.

I pledge to you faithfulness and friendship in good times and bad, in sickness and in health, from this day forward.

Partner No.2: Today I stand by you, proud and happy, of the special love we have found. Today we celebrate all that lies ahead. I promise to love, cherish, and honour you all the days of my life.

I pledge to you faithfulness and friendship in good times and bad, in sickness and in health, from this day forward.

No. 50

Partner No.1: I offer myself to you as companion, lover, and friend. I promise to love you and to honour our love. I respect your strengths and accept your weaknesses.

I vow to be faithful to you and to love you with all my heart, to always strive for our happiness, harmony and future together for as long as I shall live.

Partner No.2: I offer myself to you as companion, lover, and friend. I promise to love you and to honour our love. I respect your strengths and accept your weaknesses.

I vow to be faithful to you and to love you with all my heart, to always strive for our happiness, harmony and future together for as long as I shall live.

No. 51

Partner No.1: Grant us, O Lord, to be one heart and one soul, From this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

Partner No.2: Grant us, O Lord, to be one heart and one soul, From this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

No. 52

Partner No.1: As two come together as one, I give you all that I have, all that I am, and all that I will ever be, in complete trust that you will continue, with all that you are, to stimulate and encourage our love... never ending, never wavering, until the end of time.

As I wake to you in the morning sun, as I come home to you by moonlight, I vow you will always be my heart, my soul, my everything.

Partner No.2: As two come together as one, I give you all that I have, all that I am, and all that I will ever be, in complete trust that you will continue, with all that you are, to stimulate and encourage our love... never ending, never wavering, until the end of time.

As I wake to you in the morning sun, as I come home to you by moonlight, I vow you will always be my heart, my soul, my everything.

No. 53

Partner No.1: Today, in the presence of God and my family and friends, I make a life commitment to you.

In making this commitment I promise:

To love, treasure and respect you as you are.

To be loyal to you and to believe in you.

To trust you in the good times and bad when our future is uncertain.

To be interested in and supportive of you in your work.

To share life's adventures and events with you as a friend.

To welcome with love the gift of children.

Partner No.2: Today, in the presence of God and my family and friends, I make a life commitment to you.

In making this commitment I promise:

To love, treasure and respect you as you are.

To be loyal to you and to believe in you.

To trust you in the good times and bad when our future is uncertain.

To be interested in and supportive of you in your work.

To share life's adventures and events with you as a friend.

To welcome with love the gift of children.

No. 54

Partner No.1: I commit myself to you joyfully and without reservation.

I pledge to share my life openly with you, so that we may continue to grow and laugh together.

I cherish all that you are, and I trust in your love for me.

I promise to be with you and for you through all the changes of our lives.

Partner No.2: I commit myself to you joyfully and without reservation.

I pledge to share my life openly with you, so that we may continue to grow and laugh together.

I cherish all that you are, and I trust in your love for me.

I promise to be with you and for you through all the changes of our lives.

No. 55

Partner No.1: I, _____, affirm my promise of love and faith to you, and my intention to live with you in a committed relationship.

I will love you, comfort you, honour and keep you in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, be faithful to you as long as I live.

Partner No.2: I, _____, affirm my promise of love and faith to you, and my intention to live with you in a committed relationship.

I will love you, comfort you, honour and keep you in sickness and in health; and forsaking all others, be faithful to you as long as I live.

No. 56

Partner No.1: I enter into this union with you knowing that the true magic of love is not to avoid changes, but to navigate them successfully.

I commit myself to you until death parts us.

Partner No.2: I enter into this union with you knowing that the true magic of love is not to avoid changes, but to navigate them successfully.

I commit myself to you until death parts us.

No. 57

Partner No.1: I want it to be known to all those present, that I, _____, take you, _____, to be my partner and promise to cherish, love, and comfort you all the days of my life.

Our love has brought us here today to become one in the eyes of our family and friends, for all days to come.

Partner No.2: I want it to be known to all those present, that I, _____, take you, _____, to be my partner and promise to cherish, love, and comfort you all the days of my life.

Our love has brought us here today to become one in the eyes of our family and friends, for all days to come.

No. 58

Partner No.1: To you, my Love, I give my heart,
sharing love each day from the very start.

Partner No.2: To you, my Love, I give my kiss,
filling each day with joy and bliss.

Partner No.1: To you, my Love, I give my being,
to love, to play, to work, and to sing.

Partner No.2: To you, my Love, I give my mind,
learning each day to be more kind.

Partner No.1: To you, my Love, I give my soul,
growing together to be more whole.

Together: To you, my Love, I give my life,
rejoicing each day you are mine.

No. 59

Partner No.1: Here among our friends and relatives I, _____, commit myself to you.

From this hour, I surrender myself to you, secure in our love for each other and in the bond that exists between us.

Partner No.2: Here among our friends and relatives I, _____, commit myself to you.

From this hour, I surrender myself to you, secure in our love for each other and in the bond that exists between us.

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Ring Ceremony Samples

No. 1

Celebrant: Love freely given has no beginning and no end, is as dependable as the tide.

Partner No.1: I, _____ give you, _____, this ring as a symbol of my commitment to you, as powerful and endless as the sea.

Partner No.2: I, _____ give you, _____, this ring as a symbol of my commitment to you, as powerful and endless as the sea.

Celebrant: Let these rings remind you of your shared love which is yours.

No. 2

Celebrant: Rings are made precious by our wearing of them. Your rings say that even in your uniqueness you have chosen to be bound together.

Let these rings be a sign that love has substance as well as soul, a present as well as a past, and that, despite its occasional sorrows, love is a circle of happiness, wonder, and delight.

Partner No.1: Just as this circle is without end, my love for you is limitless.

Just as it is made of indestructible substance, my commitment to you will never fail.

With this ring I take you to be my best friend, lover, and partner for life.

Partner No.2: Just as this circle is without end, my love for you is limitless.

Just as it is made of indestructible substance, my commitment to you will never fail.

With this ring I take you to be my best friend, lover, and partner for life.

No. 3

Celebrant: These rings are a seamless circle of joy, symbolizing, the love that lives deep within this couples hearts and souls.

It is a sign of your willingness to share life's journey with each other; and of the seamless circle of joy that surrounds you both.

Partner No.1: _____, this ring is a token of my love that lives deep within my heart and soul.

With this ring I choose to share my life's journey with you, committed to with all I am and all that I shall ever be.

Partner No.2: _____, this ring is a token of my love that lives deep within my heart and soul.

With this ring I choose to share my life's journey with you, committed to with all I am and all that I shall ever be.

No. 4

Celebrant: These rings are a symbol of the love that joins your hearts and souls.

Partner No.1: With this ring, I give you my promise of honesty, trust, and devotion.

I will stand beside you through the difficult times, wonderful times and the strong and weak times.

May we overcome all obstacles together. With this ring, I interlock my heart with yours for eternity.

Partner No.2: With this ring, I give you my promise of honesty, trust, and devotion.

I will stand beside you through the difficult times, wonderful times and the strong and weak times.

May we overcome all obstacles together. With this ring, I interlock my heart with yours for eternity.

Celebrant: Let these rings be a reminder to you, of the vows you make today.

No. 5

Partner No.1: I place this ring on your finger as a symbol of my constant faith, abiding love, and belief that I was chosen to live my life with you.

From this day forward, when you need strength, I will give you mine.

When you need encouragement, I will listen and understand.

When you need solace and comfort and the silent speech of love, I will be there.

Partner No.2: I place this ring on your finger as a symbol of my constant faith, abiding love, and belief that I was chosen to live my life with you.

From this day forward, when you need strength, I will give you mine.

When you need encouragement, I will listen and understand.

When you need solace and comfort and the silent speech of love, I will be there.

No. 6

Partner No.1: _____, accept this ring as a symbol of the promises we have made to each other today.

It is a token of my love, that lives deep within my heart.

As I choose to share my life's journey with you, I pledge to you the joy of all my days.

With this ring I commit myself to you.

Partner No.2: _____, accept this ring as a symbol of the promises we have made to each other today.

It is a token of my love, that lives deep within my heart.

As I choose to share my life's journey with you, I pledge to you the joy of all my days.

With this ring I commit myself to you.

Celebrant: May your commitment as a couple be filled with love and joy.

No. 7

Celebrant: As a circle, the ring symbolises the sun, the earth and the universe – a symbol of wholeness and perfection.

Partner No.1: I give you this ring, for a ring has no end, and so my love for you has no end.

Partner No.2: I give you this ring, for a ring has no end, and so my love for you has no end.

No. 8

Partner No.1: With this ring I commit to you, my love, soul and all my heart.

Partner No.2: With this ring I commit to you, my love, soul and all my heart.

Celebrant: As circles, rings are a reminder that as love is given so it returns in a circle to embrace both the giver and the receiver.

No. 9

Celebrant: This ring, an unbroken and never-ending circle, symbolizes a commitment of love that is never ending.

As often as either of you look at this symbol, remember the commitment that you have made to each other today.

Partner No.1: I. _____, give to you, _____, this ring as a symbol of my commitment to love, honour and respect you.

Partner No.2: I. _____, give to you, _____, this ring as a symbol of my commitment to love, honour and respect you.

No. 10

Celebrant: May this ring be a symbol of your commitment to each other and always remind you of your love.

Partner No.1: I ask that you receive this ring as a symbol of my love and as a constant reminder that I have chosen you above all others to be the one to share my life.

Partner No.2: I accept this ring as a symbol of our commitment and love and I will wear it.

Partner No.2: I ask that you receive this ring as a symbol of my love and as a constant reminder that I have chosen you above all others to be the one to share my life.

Partner No.1: I accept this ring as a symbol of our commitment and love and I will wear it.

No. 11

Partner No.1: I ask that you receive this ring as a symbol of my love, and as a constant reminder, that I have chosen you above all others, to be the one to share my life.

Partner No.2: I ask that you receive this ring as a symbol of my love, and as a constant reminder, that I have chosen you above all others, to be the one to share my life.

Celebrant: Your commitment is an agreement between lovers and friends.

Allow each other time to be an individual, respect each other's wishes and allow each other their dreams.

No. 12 – Blessing of the Rings

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Celebrant: Let us bless the rings. Circles represent eternity, and though our lives are finite, love is everlasting, the creative force that binds us together, the force that gives new life.

The blessings of the wind upon these rings and your love, that you share communication and creativity.

The blessings of fire upon these rings and your love, that you share passion and the spirit.

The blessings of water upon these rings and your love, that you share love and compassion.

The blessings of the earth upon these rings and your love, that you share health and sexuality.

Partner No.1: Accept this ring as my commitment to love you and live with you for the rest of my life.

Partner No.2: Accept this ring as my commitment to love you and live with you for the rest of my life.

No. 13

Partner No.1: With this ring, I join my life with yours.

Partner No.2: With this ring, I join my life with yours.

Celebrant: May you each and together be blessed with health, happiness, harmony, and love.

No. 14

Celebrant: May this ring be a symbol of your commitment to each other and always remind you of your love.

Partner No.1: I ask that you receive this ring as a symbol of my love and as a constant reminder that I have chosen you above all others to be the one to share my life.

Partner No.2: I accept this ring as a symbol of our commitment and love and I will wear it.

No. 15

Celebrant: These rings are seamless circles of joy, symbolizing, the love that lives deep within your hearts and souls, and a sign of their willingness to share life's journey together.

Partner No.1: _____, accept this ring as a symbol of the promises we have made to each other today.

It is a token of my love that lives deep within my heart. As I choose to share my life's journey with you, I pledge to you the joy of all my days.

With this ring I commit to you, my love, soul and all my heart.

Partner No.2: _____, accept this ring as a symbol of the promises we have made to each other today.

It is a token of my love that lives deep within my heart. As I choose to share my life's journey with you, I pledge to you the joy of all my days.

With this ring I commit to you, my love, soul and all my heart.

No. 16

Celebrant: This ring, an unbroken and never-ending circle, symbolizes a commitment of love that is never ending.

As often as either of you look at this symbol, remember the commitment that you have made to each other today.

Partner No.1: I, _____, give to you, _____, this ring as a symbol of my commitment to love, honour and respect you.

Partner No.2: I, _____, give to you, _____, this ring as a symbol of my commitment to love, honour and respect you.

No. 17

Partner No.1: I give you this ring, as a token of our vows.

May it ever remain a symbol, of the love that binds us together.

Partner No.2: I accept this ring, and I will wear it, as an outward sign that I love you.

Partner No.2: I give you this ring, as a token of our vows.

May it ever remain a symbol, of the love that binds us together.

Partner No.1: I accept this ring, and I will wear it, as an outward sign that I love you.

No. 18

Celebrant: May this ring be a reminder of your commitment pledged here today.

Partner No. 1: This ring is given to you by someone who loves you and supports you in all your endeavours.

Wear it with the knowledge that no time will ever change my commitment to you.

Partner No. 2: This ring is given to you by someone who loves you and supports you in all your endeavours.

Wear it with the knowledge that no time will ever change my commitment to you.

No. 19

Partner No. 1: I give you this ring as an expression of my love and commitment to you.

Wear it always so that the world knows that I love you.

Partner No. 2: I give you this ring as an expression of my love and commitment to you.

Wear it always so that the world knows that I love you.

Celebrant: Just as these ring have no points of weakness, may your union be strong.

No. 20

Partner No. 1: I give you this ring as I give you my heart so that I may spend the rest of my life with you by my side.

Partner No. 2: I give you this ring as I give you my heart so that I may spend the rest of my life with you by my side.

No. 21

Partner No. 1: In a time when nothing is more certain than change, my commitment to you will never change.

This ring is my pledge that I will remain faithful to you for the rest of my life.

Partner No. 2: In a time when nothing is more certain than change, my commitment to you will never change.

This ring is my pledge that I will remain faithful to you for the rest of my life.

No. 22

Celebrant: Love puts the fun in together, the sad in apart, and the joy in a heart.

Partner No. 1: I give you this ring, and I give you my heart. My heart is my life and I place it in your keeping.

Partner No. 2: I give you this ring, and I give you my heart. My heart is my life and I place it in your keeping.

No. 23

Celebrant: Love is a symbol of eternity. It wipes out all sense of time, destroying all memory of a beginning and all fear of an end.

Partner No. 1: I look forward to spending the rest of my life loving you.

Let this ring be the symbol that today I love you more than yesterday, but less than I will love you tomorrow.

Partner No. 2: I look forward to spending the rest of my life loving you

Let this ring be the symbol that today I love you more than yesterday, but less than I will love you tomorrow.

No. 24

Celebrant: May your love for each other be as warm as the sun, accepting as the ocean, and enduring as the mountains.

Partner No. 1: I ask you to be my partner, whatever the world has in store for us, for all the days to come.

I offer you this ring as an outward sign that I will ever be grateful of having you in my life.

Partner No. 2: I ask you to be my partner, whatever the world has in store for us, for all the days to come.

I offer you this ring as an outward sign that I will ever be grateful of having you in my life.

No. 25

Ring Warming

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The rings are passed among the guest. As each person holds the rings, they think good thoughts, or good wishes for the couple.

In a larger gathering, or where there is a possibility of the rings being lost as they're passed from person to person, the rings could be left in a ring pouch. The pouch then

is passed from person to person before being returned to the person passing the rings around.

The ceremony is even easier to conduct, if all the guests are sitting. Then the rings can be passed along each row of guests with those responsible standing at the end of each row of seat.

The best time for this ceremony to be enacted is early in the ceremony in plenty of time for the actual exchanging of the rings.

Celebrant: These rings, now warmed by those you love you the most, will forever show the world you are one and they will carry with them the eternal love and blessing of your families and friends.

Partner No. 1: With this ring, blessed by all our relatives and friends, I commit myself to you, promising a love that will last a lifetime.

Partner No. 2: With this ring, blessed by all our relatives and friends, I commit myself to you, promising a love that will last a lifetime.

No. 26 - Ring Washing

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As part of the ring ceremony, the rings can be washed to intimate the newness of this commitment relationship.

After drying the rings, the celebrant might read blessing over the rings and over the couple.

Celebrant: By Air, by Fire, by Water, and by Earth do I bless these rings.

These rings, a token of your love for one another, serve as a reminder that all in life is a cycle; all comes to pass and passes away and comes to pass again.

May the element of Air bless these rings. May your lives through the reminder of this ring be blessed with continuing renewal of love.

May the element of Fire bless these rings. May your lives through the reminder of this ring be blessed with continual warmth.

May the element of Water bless these rings. May your lives through the reminder of this ring be blessed with fulfillment and contentment.

May the element of Earth bless these rings. May your lives through the reminder of this ring be blessed with strength and solidity.

By the exchange of these tokens of your love for one another, so are your lives interlaced. What one experiences, so shall the other; as honesty and love build, so will your bond strengthen and grow.

Partner 1: This ring I give to you is a symbol of our love, and of the promises I have spoken to you on this day.

Partner 2: I shall wear this ring as a symbol of our love, being always mindful of the vows we have spoken on this day.

Partner 2: This ring I give to you is a symbol of our love, and of the promises I have spoken to you on this day.

Partner 1: I shall wear this ring as a symbol of our love, being always mindful of the vows we have spoken on this day.

No. 27

Celebrant: These rings are an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual grace and the unbroken circle of love, signifying your commitment to live together as a couples.

Partner No. 1: I take you to my heart
At the rising of the moon
And the setting of the stars.

To love and to honour
Through all that may come.

Through all our lives together
In all our lives,

May we be reborn

That we may meet and know
And love again,
And remember

Partner No. 2: I take you to my heart
At the rising of the moon
And the setting of the stars.

To love and to honour
Through all that may come.

Through all our lives together
In all our lives,

May we be reborn
That we may meet and know

And love again,
And remember

No. 28

Celebrant: Your token of your love for each other is a ring, a symbol of an
unbroken circle of love.

Like this ring, which has no beginning and no end, so let your
love remain unchanging and unbroken for ever.

Partner No. 1: I offer you this ring as a symbol of a never-ending circle of
friendship, honesty, loyalty and love.

Let it be a symbol of my unconditional acceptance, of you as my
partner for life.

Partner No. 2: I offer you this ring as a symbol of a never-ending circle of
friendship, honesty, loyalty and love.

Let it be a symbol of my unconditional acceptance, of you as my
partner for life.

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Candle Lighting

Explanation:

The lighting of candles symbolizes the uniting of two individuals into a single entity.

As each partner uses a tapered candle to jointly light one larger candle, it symbolizes their commitment to each other as a couple. They may leave their own candles lit, or they may blow them out and only have one lit candle remain.

Couples may choose to add their own symbolism to the ceremony as well, such as lighting another candle in memory of deceased parents or grandparents, or include their children in the ceremony as being part of the new relationship formed by the commitment ceremony.

No. 1

Celebrant:

In all the quiet of this special moment, we pause, also, to give thanks for all the rich experiences of life that have brought these two people to this high point in their lives.

We are grateful for the values which they have found by their own strivings.

We are grateful that within them is the dream of a great love and the resources to use that love in creating a home that shall endure.

We are especially grateful for the values which have flowed into them from those who have loved them and nurtured them and pointed them along life's way.

In commemoration of the merging of their two lives, I now invite the couple to light their own candle.

Although they are embarking upon a new and unique relationship in the union of their lives, they, nonetheless, retain their own separate and unique identities and personalities.

No. 2

Celebrant:

_____ and _____, these two candles already lit symbolize each of you in your individual uniqueness. The larger candle, still unlit, is to symbolize the power and the vision of your union together.

Each of you has brought to this moment a wealth of personality, of background, of experience and of strengths and weaknesses. And you each bring all of these to your union.

As together you create a new light together, using the fire that each of you brings, you do not extinguish your individual lights, lest there be less light and less warmth.

Let all three flames burn brightly so that the warmth of your love as individuals and as a couple, be all the greater.

No. 3

Celebrant:

Candlelight symbolizes the commitment of love these two people are declaring today.

It's been said that from every human being there rises a light that reaches straight to heaven.

And when two souls are destined to find each other, their two streams of light flow together and a single brighter light goes forth from their united being.

Together:

Today we light five candles to remind ourselves of the pleasures and the difficulties we will encounter in our relationship and how to make the best of our lives together as a committed couple.

Partner No. 1:
(lights a candle)

The Way is Long -- Let Us Go Together

Partner No. 2:
(lights a candle)

The Way is Difficult -- Let Us Help Each Other

Partner No. 1:
(lights a candle)

The Way is Joyful -- Let Us Share It

Partner No. 2: The Way Is Ours Alone -- Let Us Go In Love
(lights a candle)

Partner No. 1: The Way Grows Before Us -- Let Us Begin
(lights a candle)

No. 4

Celebrant: You are a gift to each other. In need, reach out to each other.

Be always there as partners, companions and friends. Now that you have found each other, stay close and let no one come between you.

Partner No. 1(lights a candle)

Celebrant: You are a gift to each other. Trust each other. Cherish your dreams, share your joys and hurts.

Partner No. 2 (lights a candle)

Celebrant: You are a gift to each other. Believe in each other, . be honest with each other, respect your individuality and the things that make you unique while cherishing your togetherness and the things that make you one.

Partner No. 1 (lights a candle)

Celebrant: You are a gift to each other. Care for each other sincerely, putting your commitment before all else. Live for your love... and your love will live forever.

Partner No. 2 (lights a candle)

No. 5

Celebrant:

When two people are destined to be together, they are like a light to each.

In committing yourselves to each other, your two lights merge and become one, promising to nurture each other's inner flame.

_____, take this candle, representing your past and present.

_____, take this candle, representing your past and present.

Now, together, light the centre candle representing the beginning of your new life together as a couple.

No. 6

Involving guests

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Celebrant: Would everyone please stand as _____ and _____ pass their own light to each one of you.

As you receive the light, make a silent blessing for _____ and _____ on this day of their formal commitment to each other.

No. 7

Involving children

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Celebrant: Today, the commitment of _____ and _____ also includes their children _____ and _____.

Each one of them will light their individual candle from the centre candle and place them together to symbolize that the greater flame of the family is made stronger by this committed union.

Partner No. 1(lights a candle)

Celebrant: May this family light be your guide and your strength.

Partner No. 2(lights a candle)

Celebrant: May this family light be a source of great joy and happiness.

First child:(lights a candle)

Celebrant: May this family light remind you always of the wonder of life.

Second child (lights a candle)

Celebrant: May the family light be a source of strength and comfort at all times.

No. 8

Involving parents of the couple

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Celebrant: This union of _____ and _____ has its roots in the love and wisdom of their individual families.

And so it is fitting that today the parents of _____ and _____ add their light to that of _____ and _____, to indicate their support for the couple.

(Parents light a candle)

No. 9

Remembrance Candle

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Celebrant: While _____ and _____ are grateful that they are surrounded by so many of their family and friends on the day they commit themselves to each other, there are many special people who were unable to be with them today.

_____ and _____ would like to acknowledge them by lighting a candle so that they are with them in spirit, if not in body.

(Partners light a candle)

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Handfasting Ceremony Samples

Explanation:

In the ritual cords or ribbons, are tied loosely around the couple's hands, symbolising each vow they make.

The length of the cord is generally 3 metres in length, 5 centimetres in width, the number of cords being anything from one to six. The colours are determined by the meaning the couple wish to attribute to them.

Six coloured cords or ribbons might include the colours white, pink, blue, red, gold, green.

Hands are tied by the celebrant or significant friend or friends of the couple. The hands are tied left to left and right to right in handshake position, wrist are laid one on top of the other or hands in a handshake position.

Some of the meaning attributed to the colours used in a handfasting ceremony include:

- a) Red - passion
- b) Orange - kindness
- c) Yellow - joy
- d) Green – health
- e) Blue - Devotion
- f) Purple - sentimentality
- g) Black - wisdom
- h) White – peace

No. 1

1 Cord

Symbolising the Union

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Celebrant: As this knot is tied, so are your lives now bound.

This cord symbolizes all the hopes of your friends and family, and of yourselves, for your new life together.

With this knot do I tie all the desires, dreams, love, and happiness wished here in this place for your lives together.

In the joining of hands and the fashion of a knot, so are your lives now bound, one to another.

May this knot remain tied for as long as love shall last.

May this cord draw your hands together in love, never to be used in anger.

May the vows you have spoken never grow bitter in your mouths.

As your hands are bound by this cord, so is your partnership held by the symbol of this knot.

Hold tight to one another through both good times and bad, and watch as your strength grows.

No. 2

7 Cords

Symbolising Blessings

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Person One: May the power of your love bring you health and wellbeing throughout your lives.

(first cord is tied)

Person Two: May you have wisdom in the ordering of your life that you may each be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, and a companion in joy.

(second cord is tied)

Person Three: May you have the grace, when you hurt each other, to recognize your faults, and to seek each other's forgiveness.

(third cord is tied)

Person Four: May your life together be a symbol of peace, joy and unity.

(fourth cord is tied)

Person Five: May you be ever thoughtful, gentle, patient and kind.

(fifth cord is tied)

Person Six: May you always find life worth celebrating.
(sixth cord is tied)

Person Seven: May you discover fulfillment in the committed relationship into
which you enter today.
(seventh cord is tied)

No. 3
6 Cords
Symbolising Vows
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Celebrant: Will you share yourselves freely and generously with each
other?

Couple: We will.

Celebrant: The first binding is made with dark blue, symbolic of Water,
that your love may flow and fill you to your depths.
(The dark blue cord is draped over the couple's hands.)

Celebrant: Will you each seek to ease the other's pain and suffering,
sharing laughter and joy?

Couple: We will.

Celebrant: The second binding is thus made with green, symbolic of Earth,
that your love may be wise and nurturing, and your happiness
abundant.
(The green cord is draped over the couple's hands.)

Celebrant: Will you strive to keep passion alive in your life through your
daily words and actions?

Couple: We will.

Celebrant: The third binding is made with red, symbolic of Fire, that your
love may be bright and passionate.
(The red cord is draped over the couple's hands.)

Celebrant: Will you both help each other to grow in spirit and wisdom?

Couple: We will.

Celebrant: The fourth binding is thus made with light blue, symbolic of Air, that your love may be as limitless as the sky, and filled with spirit.

(The light blue cord is draped over the couple's hands. All four cords are tied together.)

Celebrant: You are now bound together, your two lives joined by love and trust into one life.

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Rose Ceremony Samples

No. 1

Partner No. 1:(handing a long-stemmed rose to Partner No. 2)

_____, I give you this rose as a symbol of my love.

Just as this rose has grown from a tiny bud into a beautiful flower, so my love for you has grown and blossomed.

Partner No. 2:(placing the rose into a vase)

I accept this rose, as a symbol of my love.

I place it into this vase of water, because just as this rose needs water to survive, so I need you.

Partner No. 1: In remembrance of the words we have spoken here today, I vow to give you a rose each year on our anniversary, as a reaffirmation of my love.

Partner No. 2: In remembrance of the words we have spoken here today, I vow to fill this vase with water each year, ready to receive the rose, as a as a reaffirmation of my love.

Partner No. 1: This rose will be a symbol of my love and commitment to you.

I vow to love you, care for you, respect you, cherish you and be faithful to you, for the rest of my life.

Partner No. 2: I vow to love you, care for you, respect you, cherish you and be faithful to you, for the rest of my life.

No. 2

Celebrant:

Your gift to each other today has been a ring - an symbol of your vows of love and respect; and a public showing of your commitment to each other.

For your first gift as a couple committed to each other, will be a single rose.

In the language of flowers, the rose has always been a symbol of love and a single rose always meant only one thing - it meant the words "I love you."

So today, your first gift to each other, to signify your unity as a couple, is the gift would be a single rose.

Please exchange your first gift.
(the couple exchange a rose)

In some ways it seems like you have not done anything at all. Just a moment ago you were holding one small rose - and now you are holding one small rose.

In some ways, your relationship as a couple will feel similar.

In some ways, tomorrow is going to seem no different than yesterday.

But in fact today, just now, you both have given and received one of the most valuable and precious gifts of life - one I hope you always remember - the gift of true and abiding love.

_____ and _____, I would ask that where ever you make your home in the future, that you both pick one very special location for roses; so that on each anniversary of your commitment to each other, you both may take a rose to that spot as a recommitment of your love for each other.

In every relationship there are times where it is difficult to find the right words. It is easiest to hurt who we most love. It is easiest to be most hurt by who we most love.

It might be difficult some time to words to say "I am sorry" or "I forgive you"; "I need you" or "I am hurting".

If this should happen, if you simply can not find these words, leave a rose at that spot which both of you have selected - for that rose than says what matters most of all and should overpower all other things and all other words.

That rose says the words: "I still love you." The other should accept this rose for the words which cannot be found, and remember the love and hope that you both share today.

_____ and _____, if there is anything you remember of this ceremony, it is that it was love that brought you here today, it is only love which can make it a glorious union.

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Sand Blending Ceremony

Explanation:

Place the Sand unity bottles or tubes on a small table to represent the couple.

If there partners have children, they might add a container for each one of them.

The sand may be a different colour for each person. Or just two colours – with each partner having a different colour, with half the children having the colour of one partner, and the other half of the other partner.

The pouring may be done simultaneously with each person pouring the sand at the same time. Or one at a time, using a different sand each time to make a pattern.

Some couples use colours which symbolize various characteristics, such as:-

- White: Purity, spiritual values, devotion
- Yellow: Harmony, balance, friendship
- Pink or Red: Love, passion, romance, happiness
- Green: Health, luck, prosperity
- Purple: Power, dignity, strength
- Brown: Nurturing, home and hearth
- Blue: Patience, tranquility, longevity
- Silver: Creativity, talents, inspiration

No. 1

Celebrant: You have committed yourself today to share the rest of your lives with each other.

Today, this relationship is symbolized through the pouring of these two individual containers of sand.

One representing you _____ and all that you were, all that you are, and all that you will ever be.

(Partner No.1 pours some of the sand into the main container)

Celebrant: The other representing you, _____ and all that you were, all that you are, and all that you will ever be.

(Partner No. 2 pours some of the sand into the main container)

Celebrant: 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.

(Partners pour the rest of their sand together)

Celebrant: Just as these sand can no longer be separated and poured into the individual containers, so will your commitment to each other

No. 2

Celebrant: Let everyone look at this empty glass, which is made from sand, the sands of time having come together, melting into one piece to make this container.

The sands of time s remind us that love is eternal.

_____ and _____ have chosen to represent their love to each other in a blending of sand ceremony.

_____ and _____, take your separate glass of sand and alternate the pouring of sand into this joining vessel. As you do, make your vows to each other.

Partner No. 1: You are my love for eternity. My heart is like these grains of sands, merging with yours. I am yours. You are mine. We are one.

Partner No. 2: You are my love for eternity. My heart is like these grains of sands, merging with yours. I am yours. You are mine. We are one.

No. 3

Celebrant: _____ and _____, today you are making a life-long commitment to share the rest of your lives with each other, symbolising this commitment through the pouring of these two individual containers of sand into one container.

However, apart from the two of you, your relationship includes your children who are represented by two other containers.

Your children who will share in this committed relationship will now come forward to participate in the blending of sands ceremony.

As you each hold your sand the separate containers of sand represent your lives to this moment; individual and unique. As you now combine your sand together, your lives also join together as one family.

In order for the home to be a happy one, it is essential that there be love and understanding between the children and the adults.

You may now blend the sand together symbolizing the uniting of the children and bride and groom into one.
(Individual sands are poured into the main container)

Just as these grains of sand can never be separated and poured again into the individual containers, so will your marriage and your family be.

No. 4

Celebrant:

Today you make your commitment to each other, joining your separate lives together.

The two separate bottles of sand symbolize your separate lives, separate families and separate sets of friends.

They represent you as the individuals you are, and the individual lives you have lived.

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.
(Individual sands are poured into the main container)

Just as these grains of sand can never be separated and poured again into the individual containers, so your commitment today will create out of your two separate lives, a unique union coloured by what you bring to this relationship as individuals.

No. 5

Celebrant:

To commemorate their commitment, _____ and _____, will now symbolize their union with the blending of sands.

The sands are uniquely their own, brought from those localities in which they were born - _____ from _____ and _____ from _____.

Simultaneously _____ and _____ will pour their separate containers of sand into a common container.

Each grain of sand in their separate containers represents their life and the many unique and separate moments that has shaped their lives.

As they pour their separate containers of sand into a common vessel, those separate and independent individuals will create a new entity, their relationship as a committed couple.

(Individual sands are poured into the main container)

Just as the grains of sand can never be separated into their individual containers again, so will this relationship.

No. 6

Celebrant:

_____ and _____, you have committed yourselves to each other today, vowing to remain true to each other and share the rest of your lives with each other.

You have symbolised your intentions by joining of hands, making of vows, and exchanging of rings.

Now you are choosing to create a lasting visual representation of these promises through the pouring of these sands.

One is coloured _____ representing _____, and one is coloured _____, representing you.

Your relationship is symbolized through the pouring of these two individual containers of sand into one container.

(Individual sands are poured into the main container)

While the container now holds both coloured sands, yet the coloured sands do not cease to exist – they now make a different pattern which embraces both colours.

So your lives also, while united as one, both embrace the past, while looking forward to the future.

No. 7

Celebrant:

Colours have many meanings, and today, as _____ and _____ commit themselves to each other, they are using the colours of sand which represent their intention to each other as a committed couple.

(red sand is poured into the main container)

Red represents a passion for life, physical energy and health.

We wish for this couple a life of passion

(orange sand is poured into the main container)

Orange shows sweetness, trust, and creativity.

We wish for this couple a life of trust.

(yellow sand is poured into the main container)

With yellow you bring in respect, personal power and spontaneity.

We wish for this couple a life filled with respect for each other.

(green sand is poured into the main container)

Compassion, unconditional love, and balance are represented by green.

We wish for you a life filled with unconditional love.

(blue sand is poured into the main container)

Blue is the colour of communication, contentedness, harmony and self expression.

We wish for you a life of harmony.

(indigo sand is poured into the main container)

With Indigo you bring in intuition, wisdom, emotional intelligence and charisma.

We wish for you a life filled with wisdom.

(violet sand is poured into the main container)

Violet represents peace, spirituality and selflessness.

We wish for you a life of peace.

(white sand is poured into the main container)

White is the colour of purity and a connection with a Higher Power, God, Divine and Spirit.

We wish for you a life embracing both the spiritual and the physical.

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Wine Ritual Ceremony Samples

No. 1

The partners go to the table and each takes the individual container and pour some wine into the larger container.

The First Partner then takes the larger filled container with the combined wine and pours some in a glass for the Second Partner.

The Second Partner then takes the larger container with the combined wines and pours some into a glass for the First Partner.

Partner No.1:Toasting the Second Partner
Now Our Lives Are One
(Drinks from the glass.)

Partner No.2Toasting the First Partner
Now Our Lives Are One
(Drinks from the glass.)

(They place the wineglass back and face the celebrant.)

Celebrant: This ceremony represents the two individual lives are now combined like the two wines into one single life.

The drinking of the combined wine signifies the commitment you now make to live your lives as one family.

May you remember this day of commitment you have sealed with drinking of the new wine joining your lives as one.

No. 2

Celebrant:

The one glass from which you take the first sip of wine, symbolizes your relationship as a committed couple.

The wine itself represents the sweetness of life, as well as its bitterness.

From now on, you will share the high and the low moments of your life together.

The joys will inevitably be interspersed with disappointments and sadness.

But whatever you have to face in the future, you will face together.

In that way, your joys will be doubled, while your sorrows will be halved.

No. 3

Together: Let us sip from the same cup to symbolize our unity as a
 committed couple.

(Each partner takes a sip from the same cup)

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Ritual of Gifts Ceremony Samples

No. 1

Exchanging Flowers

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Partner No.1: I promise to honour and cherish you above all others from this day forward.

I bring to you this flower. It is a symbol of the love that is consecrated today.

Let us always remember that it must be nurtured and given care to grow and thrive. We will nourish the flower of our love and give it all the care it requires.

Do this with me and watch us grow.

Partner No.2: I promise to honour and cherish you above all others from this day forward.

I bring to you this flower. It is a symbol of the love that is consecrated today.

Let us always remember that it must be nurtured and given care to grow and thrive. We will nourish the flower of our love and give it all the care it requires.

Do this with me and watch us grow.

No. 2

Honouring Relatives/Friends

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Celebrant:

_____ and _____ would like to take a moment now to honour their _____, who have always showed care and regard for them and for their happiness.

For this they are grateful beyond words so they wish to offer you this long standing symbol of love, this rose, as a thank you for all the unconditional love and support that you have given them throughout the years.

(Partners offer a rose to the significant people in their lives)[Back to the Top](#)

Ritual Blessings Ceremony Samples

No. 1

Seven Blessings

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Celebrant:

May this union be blessed, with willingness and patience to fulfill their commitment to one another, each partner learning to accept the things that they cannot change, courage to change the things they can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

While this couple have committed themselves to each other, they will depend on all of you here to support and encourage them in the future as you have done in the past.

You will continue to be an important part of _____'s and _____'s life together and for that reason representative friends and family members have been asked to offer them a blessing.

The blessing comes with our love and support by the seven people representing us all.

First Person:

May the power of your love bring you health and wellbeing throughout your lives.

Second Person:

May have wisdom in the ordering of your common life that you may each be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, and a companion in joy.

Third Person:

May you have the grace, when you hurt each other, to recognize your faults, and to seek each other's forgiveness.

Fourth Person:

May your life together overcome all difficulties.

Fifth Person:

May you be ever thoughtful and gentle, patient and forbearing, regardful of each other's feelings and opinions, and lenient to each other's weaknesses.

Sixth Person:

Despite all challenges and struggles, may you always find life good and worth celebrating.

Seventh Person:

May your mutual affection discover deep fulfilment in your life together.

Celebrant: _____ and _____ will turn to each of you for support, love and guidance in the years to come.

Will each of you do all that is in your power to encourage _____ and _____ in their commitment and to support them in the promises that they make here today?

Everyone: I will.

No. 2

Hands Blessing

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(best to be read just before the exchange of rings)

Celebrant:

These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on your commitment day, as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever.

These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future.

These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch, will comfort you like no other.

These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind.

These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes; tears of sorrow, and as in today, tears of joy.

These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children, the hands that will help you to hold your family as one.

These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it.

And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged, will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.

No. 3

Stone Blessing

Beach Blessing Stones and Wishing Stones for a beach Commitment ceremony is a fun way to include everyone in your ceremony.

At the end of the ceremony, the couple with their guests gather at the ocean shore.

Each takes a blessing stone, and as they toss the stones in the ocean, each makes a silent wish for the couple.

A variation on this ceremony, includes everyone placing the stone in a glass container specially provided for this event. The couple then keeps the container as a reminder and a memento of their ceremony, and all the people who are wishing them well.

No. 4

Fire Blessing

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Celebrant:

Since the beginning of time, fire has represented life.

It is the sun which gave life unto the earth and as we are each part of the universe, we each have a fire burning in our soul.

(One candle is lit)

_____ and _____, please walk 4 times around this sacred fire.

With the first turn,

we pray for happiness in the union of the couple.

With the second turn,

we pray for the long life of the couple.

With the third turn,

we pray for the healthy life of the couple.

With the fourth turn,

we pray for the happiness and health of the couple.

_____ and _____, you are now taking into your care and keeping the happiness of the one person in all the world whom you love most. You are adding to your life not only the affection of a kindred soul, but also the companionship and blessing of a deep, lifelong trust.

You are agreeing to share strength, to share responsibilities, and to share love.

No. 5

Tree Planting

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Celebrant:

When two people meet and see each other reflected in their thought, speech and action, they recognize each other as the kindred spirit they have been searching for all their lives.

It is this type of relationship which has brought _____ and _____ here today.

In committing themselves to each other, _____ and _____ see their relationship as a growing, maturing union.

They are symbolizing this through the planting of tree in soil which has been brought from the household of each of their families.

(Tree is planted)

_____ and _____ always remember, that just as this tree needs nurturing, so does your relationship.

No. 6

Burning Incense

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Celebrant:

_____ and _____ have chosen at this time to burn incense because they wanted their ceremony to include an aspect of ritual. They wanted something that would mirror the way their hearts soar when they are together, and the way their spirits intertwine always.

I would ask that you now hold in your hands the incense that you are about to light and to bring to mind the great gift that you are to one another.

Think about your future with the many happy years of togetherness you shall share. Think of all that you would wish for yourselves coming to fruition. Know that the love you share this very moment is eternal.”

_____ and _____ embody the incense with their love and hopes.

Will all of you now join with them in seeing their dreams come true? As you do so remember that it is the greatest prayer you can offer today.

(_____ and _____ step up to the altar, light the incense, place them in the vessel and then return to their place.)

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Concluding Blessings Ceremony Samples
Traditional Celtic, Gaelic, Indian, Wiccan

No. 1

Now you will feel no rain,
For each of you will be shelter to the other.
Now you will feel no cold,
for each of you will be warmth to the other.
Now you will feel no loneliness,
for each of you will be companionship to the other.
Now you are two persons, but there is one life between you.
So go now to your dwelling place
to enter into the days of your life together
And may your days be good and long upon the earth.

No. 2

_____ and _____ may God bless and keep you,
may the sun of many days and years shine upon you, may the love you have for one
another grow and hold you close.

May the good true light within you guide your way together. May your dreams
come true and when they don't may new dreams arise.

And long, long years from now, may you look at one another and be able to say,
'Because of you I have become the person I longed to be'.

No. 3

_____ and _____, you have our blessing.

May your life together be peaceful, your hearts remain faithful.

May your lips stay sweet, your love grow strong.

May you live long and happily in one another's arms.

The vows you have just taken, pledging love, mean far more than words can ever
mean.

May their gentle spirit in you move.

May your years fulfill the beauty of the feelings whose expression we've just seen,
the vows that you have taken, pledging love.

And may you always put these vows above the things that make life smaller and
more mean.

May their gentle spirit in you move.

May your children know the power of these words to shape a world that's sane and
clean, these vows that you have taken, pledging love.

Let us now all go our separate ways, remembering the miracle of love that we have
celebrated and witnessed today. Let it inspire us to be loving people in our own
lives. Go in peace.

No. 4

Blessed be this union with the gifts of the East.
Communication of the heart, mind, and body
Fresh beginnings with the rising of each Sun.
The knowledge of the growth found in the sharing of silences.

Blessed be this union with the gifts of the South.
Warmth of hearth and home
The heat of the heart's passion
The light created by both to illuminate the darkest of times.

Blessed be this union with the gifts of the West.
The deep commitments of the lake
The swift excitement of the river
The refreshing cleansing of the rain
The all encompassing passion of the sea.

Blessed be this union with the gifts of the North
Firm foundation on which to build
Fertility of the fields to enrich your lives
A stable home to which you may always return.

Each of these blessings emphasizes those things which will help you build a happy
and successful union.

Yet they are only tools.

Tools which you must use together in order to create what you seek in this union.

No. 5

May every blessing and grace be yours,
May your love grow stronger and deeper with each passing year,
May joy and delight fill your home.
May daily problems not vex you unduly
Nor the desire for earthly possession dominate your lives.
If you have children, may they return your love many times over.
May you have true friends to stay by you in joy and in sorrow.
With wise and generous hearts,
May you help all who come to you in need of comfort.
And may you reach a ripe old age together,
Content for having lived a life of goodness and worth.

No. 6

May your feet be firmly rooted in the earth.
May the air you breathe be sweet and fresh.
May your lives flow together like two streams into a graceful river.
May your flame of spirit burn strong within you,
May you know God's presence in your lives,
And may God bless your life together.

No. 7

Communal Blessing

Celebrant: As you join your friends in a celebration of your unity, I ask everyone to join me in these blessings for your future together.

Everyone: May you be blessed with an abundance of food.

May you be blessed to grow together in strength and complement one another.

May you be blessed with prosperity and travel

May you be eternally happy.

May you be blessed with children.

May you live in perfect harmony

May you be blessed to remain lifelong partners and friends, two imperfect halves to make a more perfect whole.

No. 8

May your hearts be united in the never ending bond of love.

May your children bring you happiness and may your love for them be returned to you, many times over.

May peace be in your hearts and in your home.

May you have true friends to stand by you, both in joy and in sorrow.

May you find happiness and satisfaction in your work.

May daily problems never cause you undue anxiety,

Nor the desire for earthly possessions dominate your lives.

May your hearts' first desire be always for the good things in life'

And may all blessings promised you be yours in abundance.

No. 9

May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet;

Enough trials to keep you strong;

Enough sorrow to keep you human;

Enough hope to keep you happy;

Enough failure to keep you humble;

Enough success to keep you eager;

Enough friends to give you comfort;

Enough faith and courage in yourself, to banish depression;

Enough wealth to meet your needs;

Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday

No. 10

May the sun bring you new strength by day;

May the moon softly restore you by night.

May the rain wash away your fears
And the breeze invigorate your being.

May you, all the days of your life,
Walk gently through the world
And know its beauty.

Now you will feel no rain, for each will shelter the other.
Now you will feel no cold, for each will warm the other.

Now you will feel no solitude, for each will company the other.
Now you are two persons, but both will lead one life.

Go now to your dwelling to begin the days of your life together,
And may your days be good and long upon the earth.

No. 11

May the God of peace
Guard the door of your house,
The door of your heart.

May the road rise to meet you,
And the sun stand at your shoulder.

May the wind be always at your back
And the rains fall softly upon your fields.

May life itself befriend you
Each day, each night.
Each step of your journey.

May the peace of the spirits be with you
And with your children,
From the day that we have here today
To the day of the end of your lives.

No. 12

Lord, behold our family here assembled.
We thank you for this place in which we dwell,
for the love that unites us,
for the peace accorded us this day,
for the hope with which we expect the morrow,
for the health, the work, the food,
and the bright skies that make our lives delightful;
for our friends in all parts of the earth.

No. 13

May God go with you and bless you,
May you see your children's children,
May you be poor in misfortune and rich in blessings,
May you know nothing but happiness from this day forward.

May joy and peace surround you both,
Contentment latch your door,
And happiness be with you now
And God Bless you Evermore.

May you live you life with trust,
And nurture lifelong affection,
May your lifelong dreams come true for you,
Move ever that direction.

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
May the light of friendship guide your paths together,
May the laughter of children grace the halls of your home.
May the joy of living for each other
Trip a smile from your lips,
A twinkle from your eye.

And when eternity beckons,
At the end of the life heaped high with love,
May the good Lord embrace you
With the arms that have nurtured you
The whole length of your joy-filled days.

May the gracious God hold you both
in the palm of His hands.

And, today, may the Spirit of Love
find a dwelling place in your hearts.

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General Readings Ceremony Samples

No. 1

May this day shine eternally in your lives.
May it add brilliance to every achievement
and cast a divine light over any misfortune.
May you care for each other in all sadness.
May you give cheer to each other.
May you give vitality to each other in all undertakings.
May all that is virtuous, beautiful and honest, remain with you always.
Author Unknown

No. 2

Time is the essence of everyone's life,
Take time with your loved ones
Have the time of your life.

For nobody knows what tomorrow may bring
Be it luck, be it love,
Can be most anything.

But one thing I do know I'll forever
Love you still,
My heart keeps on beating and my
Dreams fulfill.

Every minute, everyday, that you pass my way,
I'll love you forever, tomorrow and today.
Author Unknown

No. 3

Love is a mighty power,
a great and complete good.
Love alone lightens every burden, and makes rough places smooth.
It bears every hardship as though it were nothing, and renders
all bitterness sweet and acceptable.

Nothing is sweeter than love,
Nothing stronger,

Nothing higher,
Nothing wider,
Nothing more pleasant,
Nothing fuller or better in heaven or earth; for love is born of God.
Love flies, runs and leaps for joy.
It is free and unrestrained.
Love knows no limits, but ardently transcends all bounds.
Love feels no burden, takes no account of toil,
attempts things beyond its strength.

Love sees nothing as impossible,
for it feels able to achieve all things.
It is strange and effective, while those who lack love faint and fail.

Love is not fickle and sentimental, nor is it intent on vanities.
Like a living flame and a burning torch, it surges upward and surely surmounts
every obstacle.
By Thomas Kempis (1379-1371)

No. 4
When love beckons to you,
follow him, though his ways are hard and steep.

And when his wings enfold you, yield to him, though his voice may shatter your
dreams as the north wind lays waste the garden.

Love has no other desire but to fulfil itself.
But if you love and must needs have desires, let these be your desires:
To melt and to be like a running brook that sings its melody to the night.
To know the pain of too much tenderness.
To be wounded by your own understanding of love:
And to bleed willingly and joyfully.

To wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving;
To rest at the noon hour and meditate love's ecstasy;
To return home at eventide with gratitude;
And then to sleep with a prayer for the beloved in your heart
And a song of praise upon your lips.
Kahlil Gibran (1883-1931)

No. 5

May this be the start of a happy new life
That's full of special moments to share
May this be the first of your dreams come true
And of hope that will always be there...

May this be the start of a lifetime of trust
And of caring that's just now begun...
May today be a day that you'll always remember
the day when your hearts become one...
Author Unknown

No. 6

Love each other;
but see that you love what is lovely.
He that minds a body and not a soul
has not the better part of that relationship,
and will consequently lack
the noblest comfort of a committed life.

Between the two nothing ought rule but love.
As love ought to bring them together, so it is the best way to keep them well
together.

Two people who love one another show their children that they should do so too.

Here it is we ought to search out our pleasure, where the field is large and full of
variety, and of an enduring nature; sickness, poverty or disgrace being not able to
shake it because it is not under the moving influences of worldly contingencies.

Nothing can be more entire and without reserve; nothing more zealous, affectionate
and sincere; nothing more contented than a couple committed to each other.
William Penn (1644-1718)

No. 7

There is no better way to live on this earth
Than to be friends,

Friends who will always love and stand by each other

'til life's end.

Friends, who will share their lives together
Through good times and bad,
And who will bring joy and comfort to each other
when times are sad.

Friends who will always stand together,
And stand strong.
To help share life's burdens,
To help each other carry on,

Through the tears, through the pain,
Through the sun, through the rain,
No matter what happens to them
As friends, they will always remain.

And so it is that your friendship
Now has grown into love
A love that is so beautiful to see.
So may your love and your friendship
As you begin life together
Last you for an eternity.

And as friends may you both
Forever be.
Author Unknown

No. 8
Love one another with all your hearts.
Give more than you take.
Don't ever take your relationship for granted.
Have heart to heart talks and really communicate.
Be trusting, playful, intimate and kind.
Appreciate all the little, special things.
Recognise that time spent together is a treasure.
Make the most of what each day brings.
Know that nothing is sweeter than the warmth of one hand within another.
Walk together in the direction you want to go.
Be supportive and sharing and open to change.
Always continue to grow.

Cherish the blessing which so few truly find.
Have dreams to reach out for through the years.
Share one another's smiles through the good times.
Be everything to one another through the tears.
What your time together lacks in quantity, make up for with quality.
Call to say "I love You" in the middle of the day.
Keep your sense of humour and hold on to your hopes.
Don't let work or worries get in the way.
Make love a sanctuary and a celebration.
Make each moment more precious and each season more glad.
Realise how lucky you are to be two ... together
And make the best memories any two people ever had.
Author Unknown

No. 9
True love is a sacred flame
That burns eternally
And none can diminish that special glow
Or change its destiny

True love speaks in tender tones
And hears with gentle ear
True love gives with open heart
And true love conquers fear

True love makes no harsh demands
It neither rules nor binds
And true love holds with gentle hands
The heart that it entwines
Author Unknown

No. 10
GOD IS LOVE
May you have His kind of love for each other.

LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND
May you be able to lovingly overlook each other's faults and weaknesses.

LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS OR BOASTFUL

May you seek praise for each other and not for yourselves.

LOVE IS NOT ARROGANT OR RUDE

May you give of yourselves for each other's needs and treat one another with utmost respect.

LOVE DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY

May you genuinely listen to each other with a willingness to be wrong yourselves

LOVE IS NOT IRRITABLE OR RESENTFUL

May you be tolerant of each other's moods, always ready to forgive, never holding a grudge.

LOVE DOES NOT REJOICE AT WRONG BUT REJOICES IN THE RIGHT

May you experience happiness because of each other's triumphs and successes.

LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS

May you seek to understand each other's differences, knowing you will stick together through it all

LOVE HOPES ALL THINGS

May you always expect the best in each situation, regardless of temporary setbacks.

LOVE ENDURES ALL THINGS

May you never give up your commitment to work on improving your relationship.

LOVE NEVER ENDS

May you spend the rest of your lives together enjoying His love.

GOD IS LOVE

(1 Corinthians 13 and 1 John 4)

No. 11

The key to love is understanding...

The ability to comprehend not only the spoken word,
but those unspoken gestures,
the little things that say so much by themselves.

The key to love is forgiveness...

to accept each others faults and pardon mistakes,
without forgetting, but with remembering
what you learn from them.

The key to love is sharing...
Facing your good fortunes as well as the bad, together;
both conquering problems, forever searching for ways
to intensify your happiness.

The key to love is giving...
without thought of return,
but with the hope of just a simple smile,
and by giving in but never giving up.

The key to love is respect...
realising that you are two separate people, with different ideas;
that you don't belong to each other, that you belong with each other,
and share a mutual bond.

The key to love is inside us all...

It takes time and patience to unlock all the ingredients
that will take you to its threshold;

It is the continual learning process that demands a lot of work...
but the rewards are more than worth the effort...
and that is the key to love.

Author Unknown

No. 12

For one human being to love another human being:
that is perhaps the most difficult task that has been entrusted to us, the ultimate task,
the final test and proof, the work for which all other work is merely preparation.

Loving does not at first mean merging, surrendering, and uniting with another
person - it is a high inducement for the individual to ripen, to become something in
himself, to become world in himself for the sake of another person; it is a great,
demanding claim on him, something that choose him and calls him to vast distances.
Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926)

No. 13

Quietly as rosebuds
Talk to the thin air,

Love came so lightly,
I knew not he was there.

Quietly as lovers
Creep at the middle moon,
Softly as players tremble
in the tears of a tune;

Quietly as lilies
Their faint vows declare
Came the shy pilgrim:
I knew not he was there.

Quietly as tears fall
On a warm sin,
Softly as grief's call
In a violin;

Without hail or tempest,
Blue sword of flame.
Love came so lightly
I knew not that he came.
Author Unknown

No. 14

To love is to enter a whole New World, a world of togetherness, a world of sharing all that is dearest and deepest within your hearts.

To love is to remember and keep alive forever all those unique qualities that drew you to one another in the beginning, those first halting phrases, that wonderful feeling of oneness when your eyes first met.

To love is to constantly search for new ways to bring each other happiness, to make the most of every moment you share together, and marvel at how your feelings for one another keep rising to new dimensions.

To love is to create an oasis of tranquility for one another and a quiet place, apart from others, where you need not pretend... where you can be yourselves and know within your hearts, you will be accepted by one another.

To love is to greet each day with anticipation...Always eager for another opportunity to share new adventures... And gather up new memories together!

To love is to follow the rainbow through the rain, to be able to laugh at yourselves and be willing to say "I was wrong, I'm sorry" to forgive, and more importantly, to forget, and to always believe and trust in one another. To love is to watch with wonder all the miracles of creation, to find beauty in all the simple things of life, and to find, within yourselves, a deeper appreciation and a new awareness of how wonderful it is to be alive, to be happy, to be together.

To love is coming together from the pathways of your past and then moving forward, hand in hand, along the uncharted roads of your future, ready to risk, to dream, and to dare. Always believing that all things are possible with faith and love.
Author Unknown

No. 15

Love is a word that promises so many happy tomorrows,
That gives meaning to everyday moments of sharing
That strengthens and supports in difficult time
That makes a commitment that never ends.

Today is the beginning of a whole new life together
A life of special moments, shared with love.

Today is the beginning of countless bright tomorrows.
Filled with all the special dreams you are dreaming of.

May the happiness you have found together be yours
throughout a lifetime of love.

No. 16

Love Is The Most Incredible Of All
The Experiences That Touch Our Lives

It creates for us the world that we want to live in.

From the beginning of our lives, we know that love is the power that comforts and protects us;

It is the one feeling that we can depend upon to help us through life's ups and downs.

Love is the understanding and security that never changes;

It allows us to be ourselves and feel self-confident.

Today, as the two of you join together and commit your love to each other, remember the lessons of love that you have always known.

Let your love comfort, support and encourage you.

Let your love be the best part of your lives;

Always know that it will make everything better and it will make your world a place of happiness.

No. 17

May the promises you made today
be blessed with true devotion and commitment, and ability to keep them for the rest
of your life.

When selfishness shows itself, grant generosity;
When mistrust is a temptation, give moral strength;
When there is misunderstanding, give patience and gentleness;
If suffering becomes a part of your lives, have faith and abiding love.

No. 18

The recipe for love includes
Herbs and spices for fortitude
A tablespoon for forgiveness
A clove of loyalty
A cup of faith
And a sprig of honesty.
A pinch of patience
A teaspoon of trust
A cup of friendship
And a bit of lust.
Mix all these ingredients well

No other recipe could ever excel
And _____ and _____ for proper effect
Then sauté the whole in two cups of respect.

No. 19

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rain fall soft upon the fields.

May the light of friendship guide your paths together
May the laughter of children grace the halls of your home
May the joy of living for one another trip a smile from your lip
A twinkle from your eye.

And when eternity beckons
At the end of a life heaped high with love
May the good Lord embrace you
With the arms that have nurtured you
The whole length of your joy-filled days.

May the gracious God hold you both
In the palm of His hands
And today may the Spirit of Love
Find a dwelling place in your hearts.

No. 20

When the one man loves the one woman
And the one woman loves the one man
The very angels leave heaven
And sit
In that house
And sing for joy.

No. 21

Give all to love;
Obey they heart;

Friends, kindred, days,
Estate, good fame,
Plans, credit and the Muse –
Nothing refuse.

'Tis a brave master;
Let it have scope;
Follow it utterly,
Hope beyond hope:
High and more high
It dives into noon,
With wing unspent,
Untold intent;
But it is a god,
Knows its own path
And the outlets of the sky.

It was never for the mean;
It requires courage stout.
Souls above doubt,
Valour unbending,
It will reward, -
They shall return
More than they were,
And ever ascending.

No. 22

Let us be guests in one another's house
With deferential "No" and courteous "Yes":
Let us take care to hide our foolish moods
Behind a certain show of cheerfulness.

Let us avoid all sullen silences;
We should find fresh and sprightly things to say;
I must be fearful lest you find me dull,
And you must dread to be me any way.

Let us knock gently at each other's heart,
Glad of a chance to look within – and yet
Let us remember that to force one's way
Is the unpardoned breach of etiquette.

So shall I be hostess – you, the host –
Until all need for entertainment ends;
We shall be lovers when the last door shuts,
But what is better still – we shall be friends.

No. 23

Love one another,
but make not a bond of love
Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.

Fill each other's cup, but drink not from one cup,
Give one another of your bread, but eat not from the same load.

Sing and dance together and be joyous,
But let each one of you be alone,
Even as the steins of a lute are alone
Though they quiver with the same music.

Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping;
For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts.

And stand together yet not too near together;
For the pillars of the temple stand apart,
And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow.

No. 24

To renounce your individuality
To see with another's eyes,
To hear with another's ears,
To be two and yet but one,
To so melt and mingle that you no longer know
You are you or another,
To constantly absorb and constantly radiate,
To reduce earth, sea and sky
And all that in them is to a single being so wholly
That nothing whatever is withheld,
To be prepared at any moment for sacrifice,
To double your personality in bestowing it – That is Love.

No. 25

Shine! Shine! Shine!

Pour down your warmth, great sun!
While they bask, these two together.

Wind, blow south or winds blow north
Day come white, or night come black,
Home, or rivers and mountains from home
Singing all the time, minding no time.
While these two keep together.

Between them a new morning is being born
And the earth says 'hello' to them
The day has all their rainbows
And the ocean celebrates their togetherness.

No. 26

Love is life's end; an end but never ending;
All joys, all sweets, all happiness awarding;

Love is life's reward, rewarded in rewarding;
Then from they heart fond care remove.

Should you live but once love' sweets tom prove,
You will not love to live, unless you live to love.

No. 27

True love, the gifs which God has given
To man alone, beneath the heaven.
It is not fantasy's hot fire,
Whose wishes, soon as granted, fly;

It lives not in fierce desire,
With dead desire it does not die,
It is the secret sympathy,
The silken link, the silken tie,

Which heart to heart, and mind to mind,
In body and in soul can bind.

No. 28

You were born together,
and together you shall be forever more.

You shall be together
when the white wings of death
scatter your days.

You shall be together
even in the silent memory of God.

But let there be spaces
in your togetherness,
and let the winds
of the heavens dance between you.

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grow not in each other's shadow.

No. 29

Let your love be as the Sun
which shines on all the creatures of the earth,
and does not favour one blade of grass
for another.

And this love shall flow as a fountain
from person to person,
and as it is spent
so shall it be replenished.

For love is eternal.

Love is stronger
than the currents of deep waters.

Love is stronger than death.

And if human beings have not love,
they build walls between themselves
And the creatures of the earth.

No. 30

Your commitment is more
than the exchange of vows and rings.

It is more than sharing a household and living together.
It is the desire to want to know and
understand another human being;
to feel and share in that person's
happiness, as well as their pain.

To never feel alone;
but rather, to know that you always
have a friend; a partner in life that

you can laugh and cry with.

To know that you always have
special someone to share your
innermost thoughts and fears,
and know that you will be heard.

It is helping your partner to be
the absolute best that they can be,
while still being able to experience
your own need and goals.

It is love;
that goes far beyond passion;

It is a love that you can reach for
in times of crisis as well as joy,
and know it will be there
to comfort and to share.

No. 31

Your friend is your needs answered.
He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving.
And he is your board and your fireside.
For you come to him with your hunger, and you seek him for peace.

When your friend speaks his mind you fear not the "nay" in your own mind,
nor do you withhold the "ay."

And when he is silent your heart ceases not to listen to his heart;
For without words, in friendship, all thoughts,
all desires, all expectations are born and shared, with joy that is unacclaimed.

When you part from your friend, you grieve not;
For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his
absence, as the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain.

And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit.

For love that seeks aught but the disclosure of its own mystery is not love
but a net cast forth: and the only unprofitable is caught.

And let your best be for your friend.

If he must know the ebb of your tide, let him know its flood also.

For what is your friend that you should seek him with hours to kill?

Seek him always with hours to live.

For it is his to fill your need, but not your emptiness.

And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures.
For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.

No. 32

For one human being to love another
is perhaps the most difficult task that has been entrusted to us, the ultimate task, the
final test and proof, the work for which all other work is merely preparation.

Love is a high inducement for the individual to ripen, to become something in the
inner self, to become mature in the outer world, to become world for the sake of
another.

No. 33

Love is giving, not taking,
Mending, not breaking,
Trusting, believing,
Patiently bearing
And faithfully sharing
Each joy, every sorrow,
Today and tomorrow.
Love is kind, understanding,
But never demanding,
Love is constant, prevailing,
Its strength never failing.

A promise once spoken
For all time unbroken,
Love's time is forever.

No. 34

The gift of love,
The devotion a man and a woman may feel, each for the other,
Is the great and eternal mystery of this world of ours.
We see it always, know joy beyond measure in its finding,
Find fulfilment and happiness in its sharing.

We need not understand,
Only acknowledge and cherish its existence.
Life has the capacity to bring great sorrow as well as great happiness.
But no matter what the adversity,
Its pain will yield to the acknowledgement of love and the acceptance of life.

So keep open your hearts, be true to your souls,
Remember always that the greatest gift of all is love.

Given and received without reservation, with humility and gratitude,
It forms of itself, a buttress, a haven,
A strength that never wanes or weakens,
But grows more wonderful, more unconquerable day by day.

No. 35

It is not enough to love passionately;
you must also love well.

A passionate love is good, but a beautiful love is better.

May you have as much strength as gentleness; may it lack nothing, not even
forbearance, and let even a little compassion be mingled with it....you are human,
and because of this, capable of suffering.
If then something of compassion does not enter into the feelings you have one for
the other, these feelings will not always befit the circumstances of your life together.

We love truly only those we love even in their weaknesses and their poverty.

To forbear, to forgive, to console – that is love.

No. 36

What could be sweeter

than to live with one to whom you are united in body and mind, who talks with you in secret affection, and to whom you have committed all your faith and fortune?

What in all nature is lovelier?

You are bound to friends in affection.

How much more are you bound to a partner in the union of mutual love!

No. 37

Whatever is true,

whatever is noble,

whatever is right,

whatever is pure,

whatever is lovely,

whatever is admirable

- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy

- think about such things.

No. 38

You can give without loving,

but you can never love without giving.

The great acts of love are done by those
who are habitually performing small acts of kindness.

We pardon to the extent that we love.

Love is knowing that even when you are alone,
you will never be lonely again.

And great happiness of life is the conviction
that we are loved.

Loved for ourselves.

And even loved in spite of ourselves.

No. 39

Lord, make us

instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, union;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;
O Divine Master, Grant that we may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

No. 40

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all,
And sweetest in the gale is heard;
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chilliest land,
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity
It asked a crumb of me.

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Reading for Partners Ceremony Samples

These can be read by partners to each other, or friends or celebrant reading on behalf of the partners. They are also suitable to be read as well as, or instead of vows.

No. 1

Today, in the presence of God
and my family and friends, I make a life commitment to you.

In making this commitment I promise:

To love, treasure and respect you as you are.

To be loyal to you and to believe in you.

To trust you in the good times and bad when our future is uncertain

To be interested in and supportive of you in your work

To share life's adventures and events with you as a friend.

To welcome with love the gift of children.

No. 2

To you my Love, I give my heart,
sharing love each day from the very start.

To you my Love, I give my kiss,
filling each day with joy and bliss.

To you my Love, I give my being,
to love, to play, to work, and to sing.

To you my Love, I give my mind,
learning each day to be more kind.

To you my Love, I give my soul,
growing together to be more whole.

To you my Love, I give my life,
Rejoicing each day you are mine.

No. 3

I love you.

You are my best friend.

Today I commit myself to you.

I promise to encourage and inspire you,

to laugh with you, and to comfort you in times of sorrow and struggle.

I promise to love you in good times and in bad, when life seems easy and when it seems hard, when our love is simple, and when it is an effort.
I promise to cherish you, and to always hold you in highest regard.
These things I give to you today, and all the days of our life.

No. 4

We pledge to each other to be loving friends
To talk and to listen, to trust and appreciate one another; to respect and cherish each other's uniqueness; and to support, comfort and strengthen each other through life's joys and sorrows.

We promise to share hopes, thoughts and dreams as we | build our lives together.

May our lives be ever intertwined, our love keeping us together.

We will build a home that is compassionate to all, full of respect and honour for others and each other.

May our home be forever filled with peace, happiness and love.

No. 5

As we stand beside the ocean tide
may our love always be as constant and unchanging as these never-ending waves that pour beneath our feet, flowing endlessly from the depths of the sea;

Your love came softly upon my heart, just as the foam comes softly upon the sand, and just as there will never be a morning without the ocean's flow, so there will never be a day without my love for you.

I pledge myself to you this day.

Our love will be as unchanging and dependable as the tide; as these waters nourish the earth and sustain life, may my constant devotion nourish and sustain you until the end of time.

No. 6

I promise to give you the best of myself and to ask of you no more than you can give.

I promise to respect you as your own person and to realize that your interests, desires and needs are no less important than my own.

I promise to share with you my time and my attention and to bring joy, strength and imagination to our relationship.

I promise to keep myself open to you, to let you see through the window of my world into my innermost fears and feelings, secrets and dreams.

I promise to grow along with you, to be willing to face changes in order to keep our relationship alive and exciting.

I promise to love you in good times and bad, with all I have to give and all I feel inside in the only way I know how, completely and forever.

No. 7

How do I love thee?

Let me count the ways.

I love thee to the depth and breadth and height

My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight

For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.

I love thee to the level of every day's

Most quiet need, by sun and candlelight.

I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;

I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.

I love with a passion put to use

In my old grieves, and with my childhood's faith.

I love thee with a love I seemed to lose

With my lost saints, -- I love thee with the breath,

Smiles, tears, of all my life! -- and, if God choose,

I shall but love thee better after death.

No. 8

All my happiness goes out to you:

Pride and pleasure, joy, sweet tears, and love!

Reason, hope, and faith together move

In harmony to bless all that you do.

Let this beginning be the golden dawn
At which all dew-drenched nature sings its glory!
Nor should the darkness shrouding every story
Dim the blue-eyed beauty of this morn.

More of life will come than you can hold:
A flood no mortal witness can withstand.
Rest, then, within a quiet, gentle hand,
Knowing where love is as you grow old.

No. 9
Our love is like a mountainside
Awash in lovely flowers:
It is our home, our solid rock,
Where all bright things are ours.

And though of need we often must
Spend our days apart,
Our love will always be with us,
Held within the heart.

I feel it now, so strong and free,
So part of every breath
That it must live--I swear it will!—
Even after death.

No. 10
Thank you for your friendship and your love.
However life may turn, this gift will be
A mountain that has made my river bend,
Nor will it flow the same way to the sea.
Knowing you is something I'm made of.
Years will not this part of me remove.
One lives for just a brief eternity,
Understanding truths that never end.

No. 11

I give you my hand!
I give you my love more precious than money
I give you myself before preaching or law;
Will you give me yourself?
Will you come travel with me?
Shall we stick by each other as long as we live!

No. 12

I take you as my partner,
my friend and my love.

My hopes and dreams will now be intermingled with yours.

I will seek to balance my needs with those of our community and family.

I will openly draw from our combined experience and feelings in our search for truth and meaning.

I will strive for harmony through compromise and understanding.

I will be forgiving, but not complacent.

From this day forward, I take shared responsibility for us, for our family, community and myself, regardless of our successes or failures.

I promise to be faithful and true to you in mind, body, and spirit; to cherish you and respect you; and to be a source of comfort and encouragement, free and bound by our love, as long as we shall live.

No. 13

From this day forward,
let us laugh together, and plan together,
let us find our favourite places, and go together...
Let us enjoy the sunshine, and the rain,
being alone together, and in crowds together...

From this day forward, together,
Let us love!

Let us walk together yet not as one, but such that our shadows are separate and distinct, such that our souls are unbound and free.

Let us share our time, yet do not give all your time, nor take all of mine for in order to develop to the fullest, to be free, we must have solitude and individuality.

Let me wander in solitude, when I need to be alone, yet be near, when I need you.

Let us share our love.

Give freely of your love, but do not smother me, my soul must breathe a free air.

Take my love, but do not demand it, for love given of obligation, is stale and without life.

Share my life, but do not try to shape it.

Let me share your life, but do not let it revolve around me.

Let us share ourselves.

Accept me as I am, do not attempt to change me to fit your dreams.

Respect me for what I am, not for what I was or one day may be.

Share yourself with me, but do not allow me to limit your freedom or bind your soul.

Let us share our minds, thoughts, goals, values and dreams.

Let us develop these within ourselves without restriction or loss of freedom

Thus our two free souls, may wander together as they develop in freedom.

As we share our lives, as we walk through life together, know my love is yours, but not my soul for it must be free.

No. 14

Today I give you my hands
so that you will never be alone.

I give you my laughter, so that your happiness may always be my happiness.

I give you my friendship to support and encourage you.
I give you my heart for it belongs to you.

No. 15

I promise to give you
the best of myself and to ask of you no more than you can give.

I promise to respect you as your own person and to realize that your interests,
desires and needs are no less important than my own.

I promise to share with you my time and my attention and to bring joy, strength and
imagination to our relationship.

No. 16

And now the lonely days are done.
And with each rising of the sun, love begins anew
And if you ever ask me why I know that my love will never die I'll say these words
to you

Of all the souls I've ever known
Mine sings to yours and yours alone and yours sings just to me
In all this world I'll never find
A heart that could beat as close to mine and this time I can see
A love like this is so hard to find
And so many never do
And loves like this, when they even exist
Are precious and few, you know they're precious and few

Down the miles, through the years
Yours is the star by which I steer, the brightest star I've known
And when I feel all hope is gone, yours is the love that leads me on
The light that guides me home
The light that guides me home
Your light will guide me home

No. 17

Now the rite is duly done,

Now the word is spoken,
And the spell has made us one
Which may never be broken.

Rest we, dearest, in our home,
Roam we over the heather;
We shall rest, and we shall roam
Always, always together.

From this hour the summer rose
Sweeter breathes to charm us;
From this hour the winter snows
Lighter fall to harm us.

Fair or foul – on land or sea –
Come the wind or weather,
Best and worst, whatever they be,
We shall share together.

Death, who friend from friend can part,
Brother rend from brother
Shall but link us, heart and heart,
Closer to each other.

We will call his anger play,
Deem his dart a feather,
When we meet him on our way
Hand in hand together.

No. 18
Our love is something
we have built from passions, hopes and dreams.
It's safe from any passing moods,
Secure from all extremes.
It's something real and special,
Something solid, something pure.
It's something we can always count on,
Ringing sound and sure.
It's something grounded in the heart, emitting confidence
It lives in our emotions,
It is something we can sense.

Our love remains a binding force,
Resistant to all strife.
Amidst the outer pressures,
It's our anchor throughout life.

No. 19

The red rose whispers of passion,
And the white rose breathes of love;
Oh, the red rose is a falcon,
And the white rose is a dove.

But I send you a cream-white rosebud,
With a flush on its petal tips;
For the love that is purest and sweetest
Has a kiss of desire on the lips.

No. 20

All I want is to love you
For the rest of my life

To wake up every morning
With you by my side,

Knowing that no matter what happens
I'll be able to come home
To your loving arms.

All I want is to share everything with you
To talk to you about our ideas, our dreams,
The little everyday things that make us laugh,
And the not-so-little things
That we can't help worrying about.

All I want is to give you my love
As a place you can always come to for acceptance

Or the simple comfort that silence brings
When things left unspoken can still be understood.

All I want is to grow old with you
To watch our life unfold,

Our dreams, one by one, come true.
All I want is to love you forever.

No. 21

May our friendship last forever;
May I sail upon your sea.
May we go through life together;
May there always be a "we."

May I be your endless sky;
May you breathe my gentle air.
May you never wonder why
Each time you look for me, I'm there.

May we be for each a smile
Like the warm, life-giving sun;
Yet when we're in pain awhile,
May our suffering be one.

May we share our special days,
The happiness of one for two;
And if we must go separate ways,
Let my love remain with you.

No. 22

Can the love we share
Be too much to bear?
Love that clings like briars,
Love that burns like fire.

Take twin mounds of clay,
Mould them as you may.
Shape one after me,
Another after thee.

Then quickly break them both,

Remix, remake them both –
One formed after thee,
The other after me.

Part of my clay is thin;
Part of thy clay is mine.

No. 23

If all the world were mine to plunder,
I'd be content with just one town,
And in that town, one house alone,
And in that house, one single room,
And in that room, one cot only.
For there, asleep, is one I love –
My love, my joy, my shining jewel.

No. 24

You have become mine forever.

Yes, we have become partners.

I have become yours.

Hereafter, I cannot live without you.

Do not live without me.

Let us share the joys.

We are word and meaning, united.

You are thought and I am sound.

May the night be honey-sweet for us;

May the morning be honey-sweet for us;

May the earth be honey-sweet for us

May the heavens be honey-sweet for us.

May the plants be honey-sweet for us;

May the sun be all honey for us;

No. 25

I cannot promise you a life of sunshine;
I cannot promise riches, wealth or gold;
I cannot promise you an easy pathway
That leads away from change or growing old.

But I can promise all my heart's devotion
A smile to chase away your tears of sorrow;
A love that's ever true and ever growing;
A hand to hold in yours through each tomorrow.

No. 26

I love you – I love you!
That's all I can say;
It is my vision in the night,
My dreaming in the day;

The very echo of my heart,
The blessing when I pray:

I love you – I love you,
Is all that I can say.

I love you – I love you!
Is ever on my tongue;

In all my proudest poem
That chorus still is sung:

It is the verdict of my eyes,
Amidst all the young;

I love you – I love you, from everyone I know.

No. 27

When harassed and beaten by life's storms,
When by the bitter cares of life oppressed,
I want no surer haven than your arms.
I want no sweeter heaven than your breast.

The world, for me, and all the world can hold
Is circled by your arms; for me there lies,
Within the lights and shadows of your eyes,
The only beauty that is never old.

No. 28

There is a strong wall about me to protect me
It is built of the words you have said to me.

There are swords about me to keep me safe:
They are the kisses of your lips.

Before me goes a shield to guard me from harm:
It is the shadow of your arms between me and danger.

No. 29

Oh, the comfort,
the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh
thoughts nor measure words, but pouring them all right out, just as they are, chaff
and grain together; certain that you will take and sift them, keep what is worth
keeping, and then with the breath of kindness blow the rest away.

No. 30

Sensual pleasure passes away and vanishes. But the friendship between us, the
mutual confidence, the delights of the heart, the enchantment of the soul, these
things do not perish and can never be destroyed. I shall love you until I die.

No. 31

My love is as boundless
as the sea,
and just as deep.

The more I give to you,
the more I have..

For both are infinite.

No. 32

Let us remember
When we first met
And the strong love
That grew between us.

Let us work that love
Into practical things
So nothing can divide us.

Let us use words both kind and loving
And keep our hearts always ready
To ask for forgiveness
As well as to forgive.

No. 33

It is for the union of you and me
That there is light in the sky.

It is for the union of you and me
That the earth is decked in dusky green.

It is for the union of you and me
That night sits motionless with the world in her arms.

Dawn appears opening the eastern door
With sweet murmurs in her voice.

The boat of hope sails along on the currents of
Eternity towards the union of you and me.

No. 34

Wherever you go, I will go;
And wherever you stay, I will stay;
Your people shall be my people,
And your God my God.

Where you die, I will also die,
And there will I be buried with you.
May nothing but death part us
By God's help.

No. 35

Lord, behold our family here assembled.
We thank you for this place in which we dwell,
for the love that unites us,
for the peace accorded us this day,
for the hope with which we expect the morrow,
for the health, the work, the food,
and the bright skies that make our lives delightful;
for our friends in all parts of the earth.

No. 36

Sooner or later
we begin to understand that love is more than verses on valentines and romance in
the movies.

We begin to know that love is here and now, real and true, the most important thing
in our lives.

For love is the creator of our favourite memories and the foundation of our fondest
dreams.

Love is a promise that is always kept, a fortune that can never be spent, a seed that
can flourish in even the most unlikely of places.

And this radiance that never fades, this mysterious and magical joy, is the greatest
treasure of all - one known only by those who love.

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No. 37

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For the rest of my life....

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Conclusions Ceremony Samples

No. 1

St Valentine's Day Ceremony

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_____ and _____, you have made your vows, a commitment which you have made as two individuals, but in which you hope to achieve a bonding of your inner selves to the other.

You have come here today prepared to give up the lifestyle you have enjoyed, in order to start a new lifestyle together, that of a couple.

You have come to give up not what you are, but to increase the possibility of what you can become. For real love is neither possessive nor enslaving.

Real love nourishes the union of two people in a sense that each partner upholds and confirms the other in what they are, and what they want to be.

Today, on St. Valentine's Day, a day when lovers throughout the world dedicate themselves to each other, your commitment stands a landmark in your relationship with each other.

Let every St Valentine's Day that you enjoy in the future, be a reminder that on the 14th February _____, you chose to commit yourselves to each other, by joining of hands, exchanging of vows, and exchanging of rings.

And let today be the day you look back at and say to each other, 'I loved you before the commitment ceremony, I love you more because of it'.

We rejoice with _____ and _____ because love has found them and woven them together, into the great web of life. We are gathered to remember and recount with one another, the loving partnership which has been formed today.

No. 2

_____ and _____, you have made your vows, surrounded by your friends who share in the joy of your commitment, taking into your care the happiness of the one person in all the world whom you love best.

From this day forward, may you be a blessing and comfort to each other, encouraging each other in whatever you set out to achieve.

May you love each other, support each other, share each other's dreams and help each other in all life's vicissitudes.

Trusting each other find true happiness by striving for peace and harmony in your life together.

No. 3

Be blessed with wisdom, courage, patience, understanding and most of all love, always appreciating your relationship as the blessing it is.

Treat yourselves and each other with respect, looking always for the best in each other, and reminding yourself constantly of what brought you together in the first place.

Be gentle and kind with yourselves and each other, creating a healthy relationship based on mutual love and trust.

Be serious, but never take yourself too seriously, laughing often, especially during those rocky times which will come your way from time to time, and always ask for help when you need it.

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