



Blending Sands or Sand Ceremony

The "Blending of the Sands" ceremony can be a beautiful and meaningful alternative to the Unity Candle ceremony. Like a Unity candle the pouring of two different colored sands together is used to symbolize the joining of the bride and groom or the joining of their families.

This ceremony requires three small vials, one for you and your fiancé to pour the sand into and two for each of you to pour the sand from. Each of the two vials of colored sand symbolizes the separate lives of the bride and groom and their families.

Use two different colored sands which you can find at most arts and crafts stores. Small glass bottles or vials are usually found there as well. A nice touch is to pour the colored sands into a small "heart-shaped" bottle, melt some wax to seal it and hold the sand in place, then seal it with a cork or lid.

After the minister reads the text below (or any text you choose), the bride and groom pour the two containers of sand into the third container simultaneously.

You may wish to leave a small amount of sand in each vial to symbolize that although you are now joined as one, you are still free to express your own individuality.

If you are including children in the ceremony, obtain several extra vials with different colored sand for each child.

The combined sand makes a wonderful wedding keepsake for the bride and groom and a constant reminder of their promises on their wedding day.

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Officiant:

" _____ and _____, today you are making a life-long commitment to share the rest of your lives with each other.

Your 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, and the other representing you, _____, and all that you were and all that you are, and all that you will ever be.

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.

You may now blend the sand together symbolizing the uniting of the bride and groom into one.

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