



Renewal of Vows

Processional

[Groom is now standing at the front with me, while his bride approaches...]

Opening Remarks

We are here today to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, to give recognition to the worth and beauty of love, and to add our best wishes to the words that shall again unite _____ in marriage.

_____ & _____, today you have been married _____ years.

You have reached the state in your marriage where you are rebuilding your life as a couple. As you renew your marriage vows, you can look forward with confidence to a new era in your life.

In the coming decades you will be able to concentrate on building your love for each other free from the tensions and worries involved in establishing yourselves financially and nurturing a growing family.

Today is a day when you reassure each other. When you are expressing to each other deep loyalty and loving trust as the basis of your marriage relationship.

Both of you believe in marriage – in the fullness of the husband and wife relationship- and you know that a deep bond unites you both. It must do so because of what you been through together. All the stresses and tensions of the past have not weakened your love, but have only made you more determined to stick by each other. This relationship is and must be very deep.

[If the bride is escorted forward]

Who brings this woman to this man?

[The father, children, relative etc. may give the bride away.]

*He /they answer "I/We do", "I/We do on behalf of her family and friends" etc. ,
This person then steps back and the groom takes the bride's hand.]*

Declaration of consent

" _____ & _____, when you first joined hands and hearts _____ years ago, you did not know where life would take you. You promised to love, honor and cherish one another through all things. Life has surely brought you both wonderful blessings and difficult times. Therefore, you have fulfilled your promise. And God is smiling! So, as you come here today to reaffirm your wedding vows, and as you reflect back over all the years as husband and wife, do you now reaffirm the vows you took _____ years ago?"

(COUPLE RESPONDS: “We do”)

Exchange of vows

Please repeat after me

GROOM

_____ years ago, I _____, took you _____, to be my lawful wife. To have and to hold, from that day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health.

This day I re-affirm that vow.

BRIDE

_____ years ago, I _____, took you _____, to be my lawful husband. To have and to hold, from that day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health.

This day I re-affirm that vow.

Ring exchange

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

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

TO THE GROOM:

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

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

TO THE BRIDE:

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

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

Let these rings continue to remind you of the love you share.

Reading (optional)

“Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud.

Love is never haughty or selfish or rude.

Love does not demand its own way. Love is nor irritable or touchy. Love does not hold grudges and will hardly notice when others do it wrong.

Love is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out.

If you love someone, you will be loyal to them not matter what the costs. You will always believe in them, always expect the best in them, and will always stand you ground in defending them.”

Prayer (optional)

Dear Father. Our hearts are filled with great happiness as _____ have renewed their marriage vows and re-affirmed their love for one another. Grant that they may ever be true and loving, living together in such a way as to never bring shame or heartbreak into their marriage. Help them to remember to be each other's sweetheart, helpmate, and friend so that together they may meet the cares and problems of life more bravely. With the passage of time, help them find great contentment in the joy of growing older side by side. Bless this re-affirmation of marriage for _____ as they journey through the rest of their lives together. We ask these things in Your name; Amen.

Final Words (optional)

As you continue your journey together, remember that which has carried you thus far:

That your love be stronger than your anger.
That there is wisdom in compromise, for it is better to bend than to break.
Believe the best of your beloved rather than the worst.
Remember that true friendship is the basis for any lasting relationship.
Say "I Love You" everyday.

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

Pronouncement

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

You may seal your vows with a kiss.

It is my honor to present to you once again as husband and wife: _____