

Vow Renewal Ceremony – Sample A

We are here today to recognize and celebrate the worth and beauty of love. (HUSBAND) and (WIFE) would like to make public their recommitment and rededication to the vows they made in their hearts, long ago.

When a commitment this strong is made by two people, the force of that commitment, of that love, of that courage, reaches out and touches all of, so we share a part of your love. Like a stone dropped in a small pond, the ripple of love from this celebration extends and changes the world we live in.

(WIFE) and (HUSBAND), you have taken into your care and keeping the happiness of the one person in the world whom you love best. You have added to your life not only the affection of each other, but also the companionship and blessing of a deep trust. You have agreed to share strength, responsibilities, and love.

In human history, we have not yet discovered a better way of life than sharing it together in a love that is lasting and responsible. Marriage meets our deepest human needs for love and companionship, for someone with whom we can share in an intimate and trusting way all the hopes, joys, and dreams of life.

Real love is something beyond the warmth and glow or the excitement and romance, of being deeply in love. It is caring as much or more about the welfare and happiness of your partner as about your own. Real love is not total absorption in each other; it is looking outward in the same direction together.

Love makes burdens lighter because you divide them. It makes joys more intense because you share them. It makes you stronger so you can be involved with life in ways you dare not risk alone.

(HUSBAND) and (WIFE), you entered into marriage because you want to be together. You have found that your love has grown more in happiness and love more fully as life mates.

No greater blessing of happiness can come to you than to have this devoted love, which you now publicly avow. Continue this understanding of your marriage in the days ahead. May your love continuously grow more wonderful with each day you enjoy together.

Do you, (HUSBAND), take (WIFE) to be your Wife? To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness in health, to cherish with devoted love and faithfulness for so long as you both shall live?

(HUSBAND): I do.

Do you, (WIFE), take (HUSBAND) to be your Husband? To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to cherish with devoted love and faithfulness for so long as you both shall live?

(WIFE): I do.

You exchanged rings long ago. Please spend a moment to look at them now.

The ring you see on your finger is a circle, which is the symbol of eternity. It has no beginning and no end, like time. It returns to itself, like life. The hole in the center of the ring is not just space; it is the symbol of a gateway, or door; leading to things and events both known and unknown.

The journey you've made together has been full of hills and valleys. You've held on together and mastered all the curves, detours, obstacles and hopefully smelled some roses along the way.

These rings are not locks binding you together, but they are keys, unlocking the secrets of your hearts for each other to know, and thus bringing you closer together forever.

(HUSBAND) and (WIFE), may the love you have found grow in meaning and strength with each passing day. May your love always be as warm as the sun, as forgiving as the ocean and as enduring as the mountains. May the flow of your love help brighten the face of the earth.

Inasmuch as you, (HUSBAND), and you, (WIFE), have repeated your vows of love and commitment to each other, and have pledged to continue your life's journey together from this day forward, I am delighted to pronounce you Husband and Wife.

(HUSBAND), you may now kiss your Wife.

Vow Renewal Ceremony – Sample B

Today (HUSBAND) and (WIFE) you have been married for (? ?) years - your (? ?) celebration. Your main responsibility to bring up your children is now over and you have reached the stage in your relationship where you are rebuilding your life as a couple. This evening when 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. Your children are here tonight to give you their blessing for your new life and to thank you for all your generosity, love and support over the last (? ?) years.

Tonight is a night 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 have 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. Tonight's re-commitment should encourage you both to be more dedicated to each other so that you can look forward to a settled and enjoyable future.

Vows

Husband: (? ?) years ago, I, (HUSBAND) took you, (WIFE) to be my lawful wife, to have and to hold, from that day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health. This day I re-affirm that vow.

(Bride) (? ?) years ago, I (WIFE) took you, (HUSBAND) to be my lawful husband, to have and to hold, from that day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health. This day I re-affirm that vow.

(HUSBAND) and (WIFE), just as two very different threads woven in opposite directions can form a beautiful tapestry, so can your two lives merge together to form a very beautiful marriage. To make your marriage work will take love. Love should be the core of your marriage; love is the reason you are here. But it also will take trust - to know in your hearts you want the best for each other. It will take dedication - to stay open to one another; to learn and to grow together even when this is not always so easy to do. It will take faith - to always be willing to go forward to tomorrow, never really knowing what tomorrow will bring. And it will take commitment - to hold true to the journey you both now pledge to share together.

(HUSBAND) and (WIFE), in so much as the two of you have agreed to live together in matrimony, have promised your love for each other by these vows, And now having heard you make these pledges of your affection, I now declare you to be Husband and Wife again.

Congratulations, (HUSBAND) you may kiss your Wife.

Vow Renewal Ceremony – Sample C

Welcome & Opening

Good relationships never stop growing. Like fine wine, they get better with age. (HUSBAND) and (WIFE), you have now been married (? ?) years and through all the years of your journey together, you have now come to this beautiful setting, so that you could renew your vow and commitment of love for each other.

No marriage is perfect. As you continue in this union, you already know that it will continue to take a lot of love and work to keep your relationship an ongoing success.

Words of Wisdom

(WIFE) and (HUSBAND) have learned a lot about love in the past (? ?) years. I think they would agree with these words, translated and paraphrased from a Chinese text written in the 1st century:

"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 ... realizing 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."

Vows:

(HUSBAND) and (WIFE), I remind you that marriage is a precious gift; a lifelong dedication to love and a daily challenge to love one another more fully and more freely.

With this understanding, do you (HUSBAND), continue to take (WIFE) as your beloved wife? Will you continue to be a tender, faithful husband? Will you continue to love and cherish her, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse, and keep yourself only unto her?

Husband: I DO

With this understanding, do you (WIFE), continue to take (HUSBAND) as your beloved husband? Will you continue to be a tender, faithful wife? Will you continue to love and cherish him, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse, and keep yourself only unto him?

Wife: I DO

Rings:

(HUSBAND) and (WIFE) have rings as the outward symbols of their ongoing commitment to each other.

(HUSBAND), hold (WIFE)'s 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.”

(WIFE), hold (HUSBAND)'s 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 serve not as locks binding you together, but as keys, unlocking the secrets of your hearts for each other to know, and thus bringing you closer together forever.

Closing

As you continue on your journey together, I ask you to remember these things:

Remember that true friendship is the basis for any lasting relationship. Give your spouse the same courtesies and kindnesses you give your friends.

Let your love be stronger than your anger.

Learn the wisdom of compromise, for it is better to bend than to break.

Believe the best of your loved ones rather than the worst.

Confide in your partner and ask for help when you need it.

Say "I love you" often.

Pronouncement:

(HUSBAND) and (WIFE), 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.

Kiss:

You may seal your vows with a kiss.

Presentation:

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my honour to present to you, once again as husband and wife, (HUSBAND) and (WIFE) (LAST NAME).

