

VOW RENEWAL CEREMONIES

VOW RENEWAL

This section is for couples who wish to renew their wedding vows. The following chart will help you determine the appropriate theme for your renewal ceremony:

| ANNIVERSARY | THEME / GIFT |
|---------------|-----------------|
| First | Clocks |
| Second | China |
| Third | Crystal, Glass |
| Fourth | Appliances |
| Fifth | Silverware |
| Sixth | Wood |
| Seventh | Desk sets |
| Eighth | Linen, Laces |
| Ninth | Leather |
| Tenth | Diamond Jewelry |
| Eleventh | Fashion Jewelry |
| Twelfth | Pearls |
| Thirteenth | Textiles |
| Fourteenth | Gold Jewelry |
| Fifteenth | Watches |
| Twentieth | Platinum |
| Twenty Fifth | Silver |
| Thirtieth | Diamond |
| Thirty Fifth | Jade |
| Fortieth | Ruby |
| Fiftieth | Gold |
| Fifty Fifth | Emerald |
| Sixtieth | Diamond |
| Seventy Fifth | Diamond |

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Welcome. As these two people have come together before, pledging everlasting love, so we are gathered together today to once again join [BRIDE] and [GROOM], in holy matrimony. But now they wish to extend that joy in a new affirmation, based not upon what they hope the future years will bring, but on what the past has already brought them and what they know of their future together. Additionally, as they honor one another in memory of the [# of Years] years already shared, the family now grown, and the joys and hardships together endured, they wish to pledge their love anew.

This pledge, represents not only what will be, but also honors what has already been. When a couple firsts decides to marry, it is an act of faith; faith that the new spouse will be as wonderful as his or her behavior has led each of them to believe. But we all know that sometimes, married life can reveal hidden aspects to your spouse's personality. It then becomes a test of love and endurance to maintain a marriage.

[BRIDE] and [GROOM], have come through their challenge wiser, more mature, and with Their love intact.

[BRIDE], you have rejoiced in the highs and endured all the lows of marriage, and you have shown the strength and wisdom it takes to persevere. With an intimate knowledge of what such a union entails, do you still choose [GROOM] to reaffirm your promises of marriage? "I DO". Do you still desire to love [GROOM], to hold him above all others and have him as the husband of your heart and partner of your life? "I DO."

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[BRIDE] and [GROOM], may your love continue to expand, may your family continue to love one another, may all your friends share your joy in marriage and may you continue to be a beacon of hope for all those who are struggling to succeed in their own marriages. God go with you.

[BRIDE] and [GROOM], today you celebrate year(s) since you first joined in marriage.

You have expressed your love for one another and desire to continue your journey of Wedded bliss. You have also blessed one another by rekindling the flame of your love.

On this day, [BRIDE] and [GROOM], by the power of your own love, your marriage is reborn. Congratulations! You may now kiss the Groom!

Friend's and Family it is my privilege to re-introduce
Mr. [GROOM] and Mrs. [BRIDE], [LAST NAME]

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Friends, we are gathered here at this hour to celebrate the marriage of these two individuals. We are here to re-affirm [BRIDE] and [GROOM] in marriage, to rejoice with them in the making of this important commitment. The essence of this commitment is the taking of another person in his or her entirety, as lover, companion and friend. It is a decision, which was not entered into lightly, but rather undertaken with great consideration and respect for both the other person and oneself.

Love is one of the highest experiences that we human beings can have and it can add depth of meaning to our lives. The day to day companionship, the pleasure of doing things together or in exchanging individual experiences, is a continuous and central part of what two people who love each other can share.

What marriage is about is what life is about – growth. The Relationship between two people must keep growing and changing, forming a constant adventure and development which will not be without conflict. If differences are faced openly, the possibility of learning how to convert problems into opportunities will not be lost and the marriage will prosper.

A marriage that lasts is one which, is continually developing and in which each person is individually growing while growing in understanding of the others. Deep knowledge of another is not something that can be achieved in a short time and real understanding of the other can develop fully only after years of intimacy. This wonderful knowledge of another person grows out of caring enough to want to truly understand what the other is feeling. Thus, it is possible to share not only joys and successes but also the burden of sorrows and failures. To be known in this way is a priceless thing.

Such understanding and acceptance makes it easier to live with our problems, failings and worries. To give ourselves in love is not to give ourselves away. A good and balanced relationship is one in which neither person is overpowered or absorbed by the other. It is out of the tension between separateness and union, that love, whose incredible fragility is born and reborn.

Will you [GROOM], re-affirm [BRIDE] as your lawful wife? Will you continue to live your life openly with her, and speak the truth to her with love? Will you continue to honor and tenderly care for her? And will you continue to cherish and encourage her fulfillment as an individual throughout all the years ahead of you in your shared life? "I Will"

Will you [BRIDE] re-affirm [GROOM] as your lawful husband? Will you continue to live your life openly with him, and speak the truth to him with love? Will you continue to honor and tenderly care for him? And will you continue to cherish and encourage him fulfillment as an individual throughout all the years ahead of you in your shared life? "I Will"

To further strengthen your commitment, you have each brought a gift for the other.

[GROOM] please repeat after me:

"On the [date of marriage] I gave you a ring as my personal gift, my promise of love and trust, and pride that you were my Wife. Now I give you this gift, as a re-affirmation of that promise and my ongoing pride."

[BRIDE] please repeat after me:

"On the [date of marriage] I gave you a ring as my personal gift, my promise of love and trust, and pride that you were my Husband. Now I give you this gift, as a re-affirmation of that promise and my ongoing pride."

These gifts symbolize the endlessness of your love for one another.

Let them always remind you that you should defend and protect that which you hold most valuable in life.

[BRIDE] and [GROOM], today you declared that you would continue loving and respecting each other as husband and wife. You re-confirmed your devotion to each other in the context of your wedding vows, and by the exchange of special gifts.

Therefore it is my pleasure to pronounce that you are, once again and still, husband and wife!
You may kiss the Groom.

3903 VOW RENEWAL

Hello and welcome. As these two people have come together before, pledging everlasting love, so we are gathered together today to once again join [BRIDE] and [GROOM] in holy matrimony. But now they wish to extend that joy in a new affirmation, based not upon what they hope the future years will bring, but on what the past has already brought them and what they know of their future together. Additionally, as they honor one another in memory of the year(s) already shared, the family now grown, and the joys and hardships together endured, they wish to pledge their love anew. This pledge represents not only what will be, but also honors what has already been. When a couple first decides to marry, it is an act of faith; faith that the new spouse will be as wonderful as his or her behavior has led each of them to believe. But we all know that sometimes married life can reveal hidden aspects to your spouse's personality. It then becomes a test of love and endurance to maintain a marriage. and have come through their challenge wiser, more mature and with their love intact.

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3904 VOW RENEWAL

Friends, welcome to the renewal of vows for [BRIDE] and [GROOM].

Marriage is the form which you chose _____ year(s) ago, to express and live your love relationship. Today you are here to renew your commitment to each other and to share with us the celebration of your love. Robert Browning has written these lines: "Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be; the last of life, for which the first was made. Our times are in His hands who said, 'A whole I planned. Youth shows but half.' Trust God, see all, nor be afraid."

This is the beginning of a new start. Once again you have set your focus on the next phase of your learning of who you are, in the presence of one another. You are setting the direction that your life together will be taking. Today you renew and acknowledge your greatest gifts, your love, your support and your caring for each other. Your partnership of the heart is reaffirmed, cherished and held in high esteem. We honor you for your ongoing commitment to your marriage and each other.

Let us pray; Lord, we thank you for this couple and all that has led them to this day. As they renew their vows before You, assist them in living their promise every day. If dark shadows come their way, shine Your light upon them, so that they may carry out their commitment to one another. Be with them in every moment. Guide them to infinite love, total health, unlimited joy and perfect peace. We give thanks that it is done. Amen.

(Vows may be recited together or separately. Personal vows may be inserted here.)

"I commit myself, once again, to our life together, honoring your mind, your body and your spirit, as well as my own. I will continue to be your loving, reflective and faithful partner, from this day forward."

(Blessing of the rings - optional)

These rings are made of precious metal, symbolizing the love that you hold in your hearts right now. May they represent the perfect circle of love that is the foundation of your marriage.

"With this ring, I honor you as my mate and promise to continue to honor, love and cherish you as such. I promised you once my love would grow and here I am again. I open my heart to you this day, my dear and trusted friend. Now I know your strengths and your weaknesses too. I choose gladly to spend my life with you."

May this ceremony today bring you even closer to each other (and to your children). May this open new doors and allow new avenues for making your special contribution to the world. May the foundation that you have laid be ever strong. May your hearts stay open. May your words be loving and your actions support the highest good for one and all.

BRIDE and GROOM, you have come today to honor your commitment to each other and the path you have chosen. You have spoken the words and opened your hearts. It is with great pleasure that I declare your marriage blessed.

You may kiss.