

## Vow Renewal Ceremony

We have gathered today in the love of friendship and family to celebrate a renewal of marriage vows between (husband's name) and (wife's name). As their family and close friends, each of you has played a role in bringing them to this day, and in various ways will continue to support and contribute to their marriage. We solemnize this significant event in their lives and enter into this ceremony in an attitude of respect for their steadfast and ongoing commitment to each other.

(Wife's name) and (husband's name), although I am officiating here today, it is not truly in my power to sanctify or bless your relationship in any way, because the two of you have already done that in your hearts. Today you proclaim your love anew to the world, and we rejoice with and for you.

In marriage, we give ourselves freely and generously into the hands of the one we love, and by doing so, we receive the love and trust of the other as our most precious gift.

Today you re-commit yourselves to honoring and protecting one another above your separate selves, and to valuing your union above your own interests. In doing this, you secure for yourselves a wealth of love and peace not otherwise attainable.

But as you know so well, with this joy comes also the profound responsibility to protect the bond you share. For it is only with continual care that your love is truly secure in the face of life's inevitable tests.

Regard each other always with the same deep respect that has kept you through the years, and be ever mindful of the many gifts the other offers you.

Inspire and encourage one another. For it is by strengthening your spouse, that you have strengthened your marriage. Bring out the very best in each other. Be sparing in criticism, and generous in praise for things well done.

In communication, continue to be honest and open with each other, knowing that the heart that communicates truth without hesitation earns trust and builds a secure home.

And as always, accept your marriage as a work-in-progress that consumes your attention day by day and yet is never completed. Because a lifelong love requires a lifetime of hard work. But it is a joyous labor, whose fruits are the very richest.

Your future stretches out before you, vast and unknown. That future, with its hopes and disappointments, its joys and its sorrows, is hidden from your eyes. But it is a great tribute to your belief in each other that you remain none the less willing to face those uncertainties together. May the pure, simple love with which you join your hearts and hands again here today never fail, but grow deeper and surer with every passing year.

(Husband's name) would you take (wife's name)'s hand and make your vows to her...

- (Wife's name), I believe in this marriage more strongly than ever.
- Today, I renew the promises I made to you ?? years ago,
- A promise of my hand and my heart,
- A promise to you of my love and devotion,
- A promise to provide for and protect you,
- It is with these promises that I recommit my love for you.

- I will continue to love you
- for as long as I shall live

(Wife's name), would you now make your vows to (husband's name)...

- (Husband's name), I believe in this marriage more strongly than ever.
- Today, I renew the promises I made to you ?? years ago,
- A promise of my hand and my heart,
- A promise to you of my love and devotion,
- A promise to provide for and protect you,
- It is with these promises that I recommit my love for you.
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(Wife's name) and (husband's name), we all here today celebrate your love and acknowledge your lifelong devotion to each other. Your example reminds us of love's possibilities.

So, by joining hands right now and looking into each other's eyes, let it be known that you are joined, body and soul in this lifetime, and that this bond continues sacred and eternal.

Inasmuch as you have sealed this renewal of your marriage vows in the presence of those gathered here, it gives me much pleasure to pronounce that you are now, even more than ever before, Husband and Wife.