

Ceremony 1 - RINGS

{Applicant 1} & {Applicant 2}

This couple has come here today to be joined in marriage, which is the voluntary union of two persons to the exclusion of all others. If any person can show just cause why they may not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I {Applicant 1} do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 2}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I {Applicant 2} do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 1}."

Marriage is not a single event but rather a developing process, which is not to be undertaken recklessly or irresponsibly but maturely and honestly. Marriage is the faithful union between two persons, the result of which is the formation of a family unit whose members shall help, support and enjoy each other in good times and otherwise. It is this relationship which these two persons wish to have declared and celebrated.

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons, here present, to witness that I, {Applicant 1} do take you {Applicant 2} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons, here present, to witness that I, {Applicant 2} do take you {Applicant 1} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Have you a ring? This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and of your life together. Please place it on the third finger of {Applicant 2 first name}'s left hand saying after me:

"With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love, honor and cherish thee and this ring shall be the symbol of my love."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Have you a ring? This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and of your life together. Please place it on the third finger of {Applicant 1 first name}'s left hand saying after me:

"With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love, honor and cherish thee and this ring shall be the symbol of my love."

Marriage Officiant:

I _____ by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you {Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} to be married.

Ceremony 2 – NO RINGS

{Applicant 1} & {Applicant 2}

We are gathered at this place to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of this couple, according to the order and the custom prevailing, and under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

The state of matrimony, as understood by us, is a state ennobled and enriched by a long and honourable tradition of devotion, set in the basis of the law of the land, assuring each participant an equality before the law, and supporting the common rights of each party to the marriage.

Marriage is therefore not to be entered upon thoughtlessly or irresponsibly, but with a due and serious understanding and appreciation of the ends for which it is contracted, and of the material, intellectual and emotional factors which will govern its fulfillment.

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 2}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 1}."

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, {Applicant 1} do take you to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, {Applicant 2} do take you to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Before introducing you for the first time as a married couple, I would like us to reflect upon these words:

Let your home be your haven of peace in the midst of a busy and businesslike world; let your relationship be one of complete truth and understanding between you both; respect the confidences of your partner in this marriage, and by growing together in love, it is possible to share not only the joys of life, but the burdens of sorrow as well.

May you enjoy length of days, fulfillment of hopes and peace and contentment of mind, as you day by day live and fulfill the terms of this covenant you have made with one another.

Marriage Officiant:

I _____ by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you {Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} to be married.

Ceremony 3 - RINGS

{Applicant 1} & {Applicant 2}

We are gathered at this place to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of this couple, according to the order and the custom prevailing, and under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

The state of matrimony, as understood by us, is a state ennobled and enriched by a long and honourable tradition of devotion, set in the basis of the law of the land, assuring each participant an equality before the law, and supporting the common rights of each party to the marriage.

Marriage is therefore not to be entered upon thoughtlessly or irresponsibly, but with a due and serious understanding and appreciation of the ends for which it is contracted, and of the material, intellectual and emotional factors which will govern its fulfillment.

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare, that I do not know, of any lawful impediment, why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 2}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare, that I do not know, of any lawful impediment, why I may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 1}."

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons here present, to witness that I, {Applicant 1} do take you {Applicant 2} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}. To laugh with you in joy. - To grieve with you in sorrow. - To grow with you in love. - To be faithful to you alone. As long as we both shall live.

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Do you accept? ("I do" – 2nd person responds)

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons here present, to witness that I, {Applicant 2} do take you {Applicant 1} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}. To laugh with you in joy. - To grieve with you in sorrow. - To grow with you in love. - To be faithful to you alone. As long as we both shall live.

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Do you accept? ("I do" – 1st person responds)

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Have you a ring? This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and of your life together. Please place it on the third finger of {Applicant 2 first name}'s left hand saying after me: "This ring is my precious gift to you as a measure of my love and as a sign that from this day forward your every breath shall be surrounded by my love."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Have you a ring? This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and of your life together. Please place it on the third finger of {Applicant 1 first name}'s left hand saying after me: "This ring is my precious gift to you as a measure of my love and as a sign that from this day forward your every breath shall be surrounded by my love."

Marriage Officiant:

I _____ by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you {Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} to be married.

**Ceremony 4 -
RINGS**
{Applicant 1} & {Applicant 2}

We are meeting here today in the presence of these witnesses to formally join, in the legal state of matrimony, this couple, according to the customs and laws of the Province of Ontario.

Marriage is intended to solemnize the voluntary union between two persons, to create a relationship of mutual help, love and devotion, in good times and otherwise.

Therefore, if there is any one present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, they should now declare it, or hereafter remain silent.

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I {Applicant 1} may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 2}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I {Applicant 2} may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 1}."

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons, here present, to witness, that I {Applicant 1} do take you {Applicant 2} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons, here present, to witness, that I {Applicant 2} do take you {Applicant 1} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Have you a ring? Place the ring on the third finger of {Applicant 2 first name}'s left hand saying after me: "This ring I give you in token of the covenant made this day between us."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person

Have you a ring? Place the ring on the third finger of {Applicant 1 first name}'s left hand saying after me: "This ring I give you in token of the covenant made this day between us."

Marriage Officiant:

I _____ by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you {Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} to be married.

Ceremony 5 (no rings)

{Applicant 1} & {Applicant 2}

We are gathered together to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of this couple according to the custom and law prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

Marriage is the promise of hope between two people who love each other sincerely, who honour each other as individuals, and who wish to unite their lives and share the future together.

In this ceremony, {Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} dedicate themselves to the happiness and well-being of each other, in the new life they now undertake.

{Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} may you pledge to each other to be loving friends and partners in marriage. To talk and to listen, to trust and appreciate one another; to respect and cherish each other's uniqueness, and to support, comfort, and strengthen each other through life's joys and sorrows. May you promise to share hopes, thoughts, and dreams as you build your lives together. May your lives be ever intertwined, your love keeping you together. May you build a home that is compassionate to all, full of respect and honour for others and for each other.

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I {Applicant 1} may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 2}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I do solemnly declare that I do now know of any lawful impediment why I {Applicant 2} may not be joined in matrimony to {Applicant 1}."

Marriage Officiant to the 1st person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons, here present, to witness, that I {Applicant 1} do take you {Applicant 2} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Marriage Officiant to the 2nd person:

Repeat after me please. "I call upon these persons, here present, to witness, that I {Applicant 2} do take you {Applicant 1} to be my lawful wedded {Intro/Reference}."

Marriage Officiant:

I _____ by the virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you {Applicant 1} and {Applicant 2} to be married.