



Reaffirmation of Marriage vows

Suggested Readings

(Please note this is simply a place to start you may have other readings or poems that you wish to be included in your ceremony. This is fine, remember to include a copy of your readings for us to include in your ceremony.

You should remember that anything you choose must not be religious in any way.)



I promise

Dorothy R Colgen

I promise to give you the best of myself
and to ask of you no more than you can give.
I promise to respect you as your own person and to
realise that your interests, desires and needs are
no less important than my own.
I promise to share with you my time and my attention and
to bring joy, strength and imagination to our relationship.
I promise to keep myself open to you, to let you see through
the window of my world, into my innermost fears and feelings,
secrets and dreams.
I promise to grow along with you to be willing to face changes
in order to keep our relationship alive and exciting.
I promise to love you in good times and in bad, with all I have
to give and all I feel inside in the only way I know how.
Completely and Forever.

The Art of Marriage

A good marriage must be created.
In marriage the little things are the big things...
It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day.
It is never going to sleep feeling angry.
It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.
It is standing together and facing the World.
It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.
It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude
in thoughtful ways.
It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.
It is creating an atmosphere in which each can grow.
It is a common search for the good and the beautiful in each other.
IT IS NOT ONLY MARRYING THE RIGHT PERSON –
IT IS BEING THE RIGHT PARTNER.

Guide for a Loving Home

May we treat each other with respect,
honesty and care.
May we share the little discoveries and changes
each day brings.
May we try always to be sensitive to one another's
joys, sorrows, needs and changing moods, and
realise that being a loving family means sometimes
not understanding everyone all the time but being
there to love and help them just the same.

Love is Giving

Love is giving, not taking,
mending, not breaking,
trusting, believing
never deceiving,
patiently bearing
and faithfully sharing
each joy, every sorrow,
today and tomorrow.

Love is kind, understanding
but never demanding.
Love is constant, prevailing,
it's strength never failing.
A promise once spoken
for all time unbroken,
A lifetime together,
Love's time is for ever.

The Promise of Marriage

Betty Meekes

Marriage is a promise of companionship,
Of having someone to share all of life's experiences.
Marriage does not promise that there will not be any rough times, just the assurance
that there will always be someone who cares and will help you through better times.

Marriage does not promise eternal romance,
Just eternal love and commitment.
Marriage can't prevent disappointments,
disillusionment, or grief,
But it can offer hope, acceptance and comfort.

What is Marriage

It is sharing and caring
Giving and forgiving
Loving and being loved
Walking hand in hand
Talking heart to heart
Seeing through each others eyes
Laughing together
Weeping together
And always trusting and believing
In each other
For love that is shared is a beautiful thing
It enriches the soul and makes the heart sing.

Where There is Love

Where there is love
The heart is light,
Where there is love
The day is bright,
Where there is love
There is a song
To help when things
Are going wrong.
Where there is love
There is a smile
To make all things
Seem more worthwhile.
Where there is love
There's quiet peace,
A tranquil place –
Love changes darkness
Into light
And makes the heart
Take “wingless flight”.
Oh, blest are they
Who walk in love.

Give Lavishly! Live Abundantly!

The more you give,
the more you get –
The more you laugh,
the less you fret –
The more you do
unselfishly,
The more you live
abundantly.....
The more of everything
you share
The more you'll always
have to spare –
The more you love
the more you'll find
from day to day
that life is good
and friends are kind.....
For only what
we give away,
enriches us.

Marriage Joins Two People in the Circle of its Love

Edmund O'Neill

Marriage is a commitment to life, the best that two people can find and bring out in each other. It offers opportunities for sharing and growth that no other relationship can equal. It is a physical and an emotional joining that is promised for a lifetime.

Within the circle of its love, marriage encompasses all of life's most important relationships. A wife and a husband are each other's best friend, confidante, lover, teacher, listener and critic. And there may come times when one partner is heartbroken or ailing, and the love of the other may resemble the tender caring of a parent for a child.

Marriage deepens and enriches every facet of life. Happiness is fuller, memories are fresher, commitment is stronger, even anger is felt more strongly, and passes away more quickly.

Marriage understands and forgives the mistakes life is unable to avoid. It encourages and nurtures new life, new experiences and new ways of expressing a love that is deeper than life.

When two people pledge their love and care for each other in marriage, they create a spirit unique unto themselves which binds them closer than any spoken or written words. Marriage is a promise, a potential made in the hearts of two people who love each other and takes a lifetime to fulfil.

Love

Love is soft
And love is gentle,
Love is tender
Sentimental,
A lasting bond
That holds two hearts
Together.

Love is thoughtful,
Love is knowing,
Love is strong
And ever growing,
A rich, deep joy
That fills two hearts
Forever.

Love is special
Love is sweet,
Love is what makes
Life complete.
Love is giving
Love is kind,
Love is joy
And peace of mind.
Love is laughter,
Seldom tears,
Sharing, caring,
Through the years.
Love is more
Than words express –
But mostly,
Love is happiness.