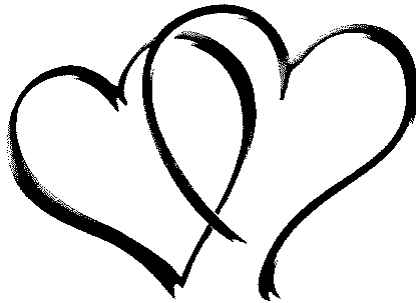


**A Service of
Renewal of Wedding Vows
For
(name of couple in here)**



(date,
time and
venue in here)

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RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS

Welcome and Introduction

‘God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them’ 1 John 4:16

Many believe that entering into marriage is the final step in a romantic relationship. But marriage is not meant to be the final step in a couple’s relationship - it is really just the beginning of a grand adventure, which hopefully, will be long and fruitful, enriching both husband and wife.

Marriage is a gift of God in creation through which husband and wife may know the grace of God. It is given that as man and woman grow together in love and trust, they shall be united with one another in heart, body and mind, as Christ is united with his bride, the Church.

Today (*name of couple*) wish to reaffirm their commitment to their marriage and express their continuing love and pledge to each other.

(*name of couple*), when you first joined hands and hearts in marriage years ago, you did not know where life would take you.

As you began your life together, in a formal sense at your marriage service, you were reminded that marriage is given that it may comfort and help you as you live faithfully together in times of need as well as plenty, in sadness and in joy, in sickness and in health. It is a way of life created and made holy by God, that all should honour.

You now come, in God’s presence, to renew your vows to love, honour and cherish each other and the church celebrates with you and supports you. I will ask that you say, together, the vows you made on your wedding day and in token of this, you will each give and receive your rings again.

As you celebrate here today, and as you reflect back as husband and wife, do you, now, wish to publicly reaffirm and renew the vows you took previously?

We do.

Will you, the friends of *(name of couple)*, continue to support and uphold them in their marriage, now, and the in the years to come?

We will.

Let us pray:

We pray, with *(name of couple)*, that God's Holy Spirit will continue to guide and strengthen them and that they may fulfil God's purposes for rest of their earthly life, together.

God our Father, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of God's law; grant to your servants that, loving one another, they may continue in your love until their lives' end. **Amen.**

Reading:

(a Reading of your choice inserted here)

Renewal of Vows

○ God, our Father, from the beginning you have blessed creation with abundant life. Pour out your blessings upon this couple, that they may continue in mutual love and companionship and in holiness and commitment to each other. **Amen.**

(name of couple), I invite you now to join hands and to make your vows in the presence of God and his people.

(Husband) **says:** I *(name)* took you *(wife's name)* to be my wife

(Wife) **says:** I *(name)* took you *(husband's name)* to be my husband.

(name of couple) **say together:**

to have and to hold from this day forward,

for better for worse,

for richer, for poorer,

in sickness and in health,

to love and to cherish each other,

till death us do part,

according to God's holy law,

and this is our solemn vow.

Today, in the presence of God

and of our family and friends,

we affirm our continuing commitment to this vow.

The Exchange of Rings

(name of couple), on your wedding day you exchanged rings as a symbol of the never-ending circle that symbolizes the eternal quality of God: the qualities of unending strength, and unending love.

May you always wear your rings as a reminder of your wedding vows to each other, and your commitment to continue to live in unity, love and happiness.

The Blessing of Rings

Heavenly Father, by your blessing, let these wedding rings be to *(name of couple)* continuing symbols of unending love and faithfulness to remind them of the marriage promises which they have reaffirmed and renewed this day.

(husband) **says:** *(name)*, I give you this ring

as a sign of our marriage.

I pledge to you all that I have and all that I am.

(wife) **says:** *(name)*, I give you this ring

as a sign of our marriage.

I pledge to you all that I have and all that I am.

The Candle Ceremony

(The Priest lights the candle)

True love in marriage is the passion, which makes an ordinary relationship extraordinary. It is a compelling desire to give yourselves in every way to each other, just as you promised on the day of your marriage.

Just as this candle gives light, it also gives off warmth. Love provides warmth in a marriage relationship. When a husband and wife are seeking to meet one another's needs, the relationship becomes vibrant and alive. It also becomes a light to the world, a light of love. It reminds us of the one who called himself the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

The couple turn to each other and join hands.

(wife) says:

(husband's name), just as this candle radiates warmth,

I want you to enjoy the warmth of my love.

*I want our relationship to radiate a passion for life
and love, for a lifetime.*

(husband) says:

(wife's), just as this candle radiates warmth,

I want you to enjoy the warmth of my love.

*I want our relationship to radiate a passion for life
and love, for a lifetime.*

A Blessing on *(name of couple)* family

One of the great blessings of marriage is the joy and responsibility of raising a family. You have been truly blessed to be parents to *(names of any children)*..... As *(name of couple)* renew their vows of marriage, today, they also renew their commitment to be loving and caring parents and *grandparents* to their family, recognising with gratefulness the happiness and fulfilment that each of their children have brought to their marriage and family life.

Let us pray for them and their children and grandchildren.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you guide *(name of couple)* as parents and *grandparents*, as they continue to watch over their children and *grandchildren* with love and respect. We ask that you will protect this family and keep them always in your love and care. May the inner aspirations of their hearts, become the outward reality of their home and may their home be a place of light and truth, a place of beauty, a place of joy and happiness all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

Prayers

Gracious God, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon *(name of couple)* in their continuing life together. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; awake and asleep, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death.

May your blessing rest, always, upon their home; that joy, peace and contentment would dwell within it as they live together in unity, and all who enter their home may experience the strength of your love, expressed through them.

O God our friend and companion on the journey, we thank you for the circle of *(name of couple)* family and friends. We thank you for their continuing strength as their story has unfolded. And we thank you for their support, as they rejoice with them in good times and comforting them in sorrow. *(name of couple)*, look outward and know yourselves to be held through the embrace of all whom you love.

Amen.

We say together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Reading:

(a reading of your choice in here)

The Blessing

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace, that you may please him both in body and soul, and, living together in faith and love, may receive the blessings of eternal life. **Amen.**

The Pronouncement

(name of couple), today you have renewed the promises and vows you made to each other on your wedding day. You have symbolized the renewal of the marriage union by the joining of hands, the renewal of your vows, and the exchange of your rings.

It is with pleasure that I conclude the ceremony of renewing the vows of marriage that joined you, and forever binds you, as husband and wife. Please celebrate this renewal of vows with a sign of affection.

The Signing of the Certificates

