

# **“CHRISTIAN” WEDDING CEREMONY**

## **(Non-Denominational)**



**(Beloved Guests, please turn off or turn your cell phones to vibrate at this time) (All rise for the Bride)**

We are gathered here today in the sight of God, and the presence of friends and loved ones, to celebrate one of life’s greatest moments. We are here to give recognition to the worth and beauty of love, and to add our best wishes and blessings to the words that will unite (BRIDE) and (GROOM) in holy matrimony.

If there is anyone present who has just cause why this couple should not be united, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

Who gives this woman to this man? (Father of the Bride or Family members says) I do.

**(Beloved Guests, please be seated)**

(BRIDE) and (GROOM), marriage is the most important of all earthly relationships. It should be entered into reverently, thoughtfully and with full understanding of its sacred nature. Your marriage must stand by the strength of your love and the power of the faith in each other and in God. Just as two threads woven in opposite directions form a beautiful tapestry, so to are your lives when merged together, will make a beautiful marriage.

**1 Corinthians 13:4 (Paraphrased)**

Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud.

Love is never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way.

Love is not irritable or touchy. Love does not hold grudges and will hardly notice when others do it wrong.

Love is never glad about injustices, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you someone, you will be loyal to them no matter what the costs.

You will always believe in them, always expect the best in them, and will always stand your ground in defending them.

Best of all, Love never fails.

**VOWS (Face each other and hold hands) (Repeat after me)**

I, (GROOM) take you (BRIDE) to be my Wife, my partner in life and my one true love. I will cherish our friendship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

I will trust you and honor you.

I will laugh with you and cry with you.

I will love you faithfully.

Through the best and the worst.

Through the difficult and the easy.

Whatever may come I will always be there.

As I have given you my hand to hold,

So I give you my life to keep,

So help me God.

I, (BRIDE) take you (GROOM) to be my Husband, my partner in life and my one true love. I will cherish our friendship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

I will trust you and honor you.

I will laugh with you and cry with you.

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**John 4:7-12**

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is born of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love, does not know God - for God is love.

God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

Dear friends, since God loved us so much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and His love has been brought to full expression through us.

**I DO'S**

**(GROOM)**, do you take **(BRIDE)** to be your Wife? (I do)  
Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect her, forsaking all others and holding only unto her forevermore? (I do)

**(BRIDE)**, do you take **(GROOM)** to be your Husband? (I do)  
Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him, forsaking all others and holding only unto him forevermore? (I do)

**RING EXCHANGE (Who has the rings?) (Repeat after me)**

I **(GROOM)** take thee, **(BRIDE)** to be my Wife - to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or poorer, in joy and sorrow, and I promise my love to you. And with this ring, I take you as my Wife, for as long as we both shall live.

I **(BRIDE)** take thee, **(GROOM)** to be my Husband - to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or poorer, in joy and sorrow, and I promise my love to you. And with this ring, I take you as my Husband, for as long as we both shall live.

**Wedding Prayer**

**Bless Oh Lord, this marriage, as they begin their walk together.**

**Guide, teach and comfort them as their road bends and turns.**

**Help them to make the best of whatever comes their way.**

**Help them to continue to enjoy each other as they did when they first met.**

**Help them to look past the faults of others as well as themselves and not to dwell on the bad but, to look for the good, in themselves as well as others.**

**Help them to respect each other's like and dislikes, opinions and beliefs, hopes and dreams, fears and anxieties, even though they may not always understand them.**

**Help them to learn from You as well as each other to grow mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.**

**Help them to realize that no matter what happens, to hold on to each other, in faith, and know that is all in Your hands.**

**Help them create a peaceful, stable home of love and a foundation in You on which they can build their lives on, for their children for all those who touch their lives.**

**But most of all, Heavenly Father help them to keep your example of love that they now share so that by their love, your light may be passed on to their children and future generations.**

**In this we pray through Jesus Christ. Amen**

By the authority invested in me by the State of California, the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I now pronounce you Husband & Wife. What God has joined, let no man separate. You may now kiss the Bride.

Ladies & Gentlemen It my pleasure to introduce to you, for the very first time, Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_.



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