

*Civil Ceremony Vow Selections*



## Contemporary Vows



Welcome family and friends, my name is Officiate, and I have the privilege of performing this ceremony today. On behalf of App 1 and App 2 thank you for sharing their special day with them.

You are present here today to witness and celebrate the union of Applicant 1 and Applicant 2 in legal matrimony according to the customs and laws prevailing by the government of the Province of Ontario.

App 1 and App 2 have invited us to share in this celebration as they affirm their love before us, pledge their faith to one another and enter into the joys and privilege of marriage.

Joy in marriage is not something that just happens.

A good marriage must be created. The little things are the big things.

It is never being too old to hold hands, and remembering to say "I love you".

It is standing together facing the world and keeping the courtship alive.

It is not expecting one person to wear a halo or the other to have the wings of an angel.

But showing patience, kindness, understanding, and having a sense of humour.

It is not looking for perfection in each other, but forgiving, forgetting and letting go.

App 1, repeat after me please: **I solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful reason why I may not be joined in matrimony to App 2.**

App 2, repeat after me please: **I solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful reason why I may not be joined in matrimony to App 1.**

App 1, repeat after me, please: **I call upon these persons here present to witness that I App 1, do take you App 2, to be my lawfully wedded **husband/wife/spouse/partner**, 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.**

App 2: Do you accept?

App 2, repeat after me please:

**I call upon these persons here present to witness that I App 2 do take you App 1, to be my lawfully wedded **husband/wife/spouse/partner**, 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.**

App 1: Do you accept?

Let the rings you are about to exchange be a sign that love has substance as well as soul; a present as well as a past; and that, despite its occasional sorrows, love is a circle of happiness, wonder and delight.

App 1: Do you have the ring? Please place the ring on App 2's finger repeating after me:  
**App 2 this ring symbolizes our union as husband and wife/spouses/partners, for today, tomorrow and all the years to come. Please wear it as a reminder of our love.**

App 2: Do you have the ring? Please place the ring on App 1's finger repeating after me:  
**App 1 this ring symbolizes our union as husband and wife/spouses/partners, for today, tomorrow and all the years to come. Please wear it as a reminder of our love.**

May those who wear these rings live in love all of their days.

I will now invite the witnesses to join App 1 and App 2 to complete the signing of the register.

May the love, which has brought you together, continue to grow and enrich your lives.

May your relationship always be one of love and trust.

May the happiness you share today be with you always.

May everything you have said and done here today, become a living truth in your lives.

I wish you long life, happiness, prosperity, and may the vows you exchanged today, sustain you forever.

I, Officiate, by 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 **husband and wife/officially wed**. You may kiss.

## *Modern*



Welcome family and friends, my name is Officiate, and I have the privilege of performing this ceremony today.

All of you are present here today because you, in one way or another, have been part of App 1 and App 2's life; so on behalf of the happy couple, thank you for coming and sharing in this special day.

We are gathered here to witness the formal joining of Applicant 1 and Applicant 2 in legal matrimony according to the customs and laws prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

Joy in marriage is not something that just happens.

A good marriage must be created. The little things are the big things.

It is never being too old to hold hands, and remembering to say "I love you".

It is standing together facing the world and keeping the courtship alive.

It is not expecting one person to wear a halo or the other to have the wings of an angel.

But showing understanding, patience, kindness, and having a sense of humour.

It is not looking for perfection in each other, but forgiving, forgetting and letting go.

App 1 and App 2's love for each other has grown for both of them, as individuals and as a couple, they stand before you today, ready and willing to fully commit to one another, as forever friends and as **husband and wife/partners/spouses**.

App 1, please repeat after me: **I solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful reason why I may not be joined in matrimony to App 2.**

App 2, please repeat after me: **I solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful reason why I may not be joined in matrimony to App 1.**

Marriage is a promise of companionship,  
and having someone to share all of life's experiences with.

Marriage does not promise there won't be any rough times,  
just the assurance; someone will be there who cares.

Marriage does not promise eternal romance, just eternal love and commitment.

Marriage cannot prevent disappointments, or grief,  
but it can offer hope, acceptance, and comfort.

Marriage cannot protect you from making individual choices  
or shelter you from the world, but  
Marriage does offer the promise that someone will be there waiting  
to listen, to console, and to inspire you.  
Marriage is the joining of two people who share  
the promise that only marriage can make,  
that someone will always be there who truly loves you...  
someone to share the sunshine and the rain,  
and you will experience a richer, more fulfilling life because of it.

App 1, repeat after me, please: **I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, App 1, do take you, App 2, to be my lawfully wedded husband/wife/partner/spouse, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, so long as we both shall live.**

App 2: Do you accept?

App 2, repeat after me, please: **I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, App 2, do take you, App 1, to be my lawfully wedded husband/wife/partner/spouse, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, so long as we both shall live.**

App 1: Do you accept?

I ask that the rings you are about to exchange be used and regarded as a seal and confirmation and acceptance of the vows you have made.

App 1, please place on the third finger of App 2's left hand and repeat after me:  
**App 2, this ring symbolizes our union as husband and wife/partners/spouses, for today, tomorrow and all the years to come. Please wear it as a reminder of our love.**

App 2, please place on the third finger of App 1's left hand and repeat after me:  
**App 1, this ring symbolizes our union as husband and wife/partners/spouses, for today, tomorrow and all the years to come. Please wear it as a reminder of our love.**

You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving.  
Love knows that even when you are alone, you will never be lonely again.  
And great happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved.  
Loved for ourselves, and even loved in spite of ourselves.

May all that you are, always be in love; And may all that is love, always be in you.  
May you always see and encourage the best in each other.  
May the challenges that life brings your way make your marriage grow stronger.  
May you always be each other's best friend and greatest love.

I will now invite the witnesses to join App 1 and App 2 to complete the signing of the register.

I wish you both, a long life, happiness, prosperity and may the vows you exchanged today, continue forever.

And now, App 1 and App 2, you have consented to marriage, and have declared your intentions before these witnesses, in my presence, and have exchanged these rings as a pledge of your vows to each other; so, by the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, I Officiate, hereby pronounce you Applicant 1 and Applicant 2 to be **husband and wife/officially wed**. You may kiss.

## *Short and Sweet*



Good morning/afternoon, my name is Officiate, and I have the privilege of performing this ceremony. On behalf of App 1 and App 2, thank you for sharing in their special day.

We are gathered here to witness the formal joining of Applicant 1 and Applicant 2 in legal matrimony according to the customs and laws prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

By making this commitment today, App 1 and App 2 demonstrate their devotion to each other and dedicate themselves to a life together as a couple. Their relationship will become stronger and deeper, as they pledge their love and faithfulness to each other.

Marriage should not be entered into recklessly or irresponsibly but maturely and honestly. Marriage is the faithful union between two people with the exclusion of all others and ought to be taken with a serious understanding and appreciation.

App 1, repeat after me, please: **I solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful reason why I may not be joined in matrimony to App 2.**

App 2, repeat after me, please: **I solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful reason why I may not be joined in matrimony to App 1.**

Please repeat after me, App 1: **I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, App 1, do take you, App 2, to be my lawfully wedded husband/wife/partner/spouse.**

Please repeat after me, App 2: **I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, App 2, do take you, App 1, to be my lawfully wedded husband/wife/partner/spouse.**

App 1, do you have the ring? Please place the ring on App 2's finger and repeat after me: **App 2, with this ring I thee wed, I shall love, honour and cherish you and this ring is the symbol of my love.**

App 2, do you have the ring? Please place the ring on App 1's finger and repeat after me: **App 1, with this ring I thee wed, I shall love, honour and cherish you and this ring is the symbol of my love.**

I will now invite the witnesses to join App 1 and App 2 to complete the signing of the register.

May you enjoy length of days, fulfillment of hopes, and peace and contentment of mind as you live day-to-day and fulfill the terms of the promise you have made to one another today.

I wish you long life, happiness, prosperity and may the vows you exchanged today, sustain you forever.

I, Officiate, by 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 **husband and wife/officially wed**. You may kiss.

## *Traditional*



Welcome family and friends, my name is Officiate, and I have the privilege of performing this ceremony today. On behalf of App 1 and App 2, thank you for being here and sharing in their joy on this special day.

We are gathered here in the presence of these witnesses, to unite together Applicant 1 and Applicant 2 in the bonds of matrimony according to the customs and law prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

We are also here to celebrate the love they have discovered for each other, and support their decision to commit themselves to a lifelong relationship.

Marriage is not a single event but rather a developing process and should not be entered into recklessly or irresponsibly but rather maturely and honestly. Marriage is the faithful union between two people to the exclusion of all others and needs to be taken with a serious understanding and appreciation.

App 1, please repeat after me: **I solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful reason why I may not be joined in matrimony to App 2.**

App 2, please repeat after me: **I solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful reason why I may not be joined in matrimony to App 1.**

By making this commitment today, App 1 and App 2's relationship will become stronger and deeper. They stand before you today, ready and willing to fully commit to one another, as forever friends and as **husband and wife/partners/spouses**. Their lives, which began on separate paths, will now be joined as one.

Please repeat after me, App 1: **I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, App 1, do take you App 2, to be my lawfully wedded husband/wife/spouse/partner, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish so long as we both shall live.**

App 2: Do you accept?



Please repeat after me, App 2: **I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, App 2, do take you App 1, to be my lawfully wedded husband/wife/spouse/partner, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish so long as we both shall live.**

App 1: Do you accept?

May the love which has brought you together continue to grow and enrich your lives.  
May the challenges that life brings your way make your marriage grow stronger.  
May your relationship always be one of love and trust.  
May the happiness you share today be with you always.

Now, the rings you are about to exchange are a symbol of your love, your marriage and your life together.

App 1, do you have the ring? Please place the ring on App 2's finger repeating after me: **App 2, with this ring I thee wed, I shall love, honour and cherish you, and this ring shall be a symbol of my love.**

App 2 do you have the ring? Please place the ring on App 1's finger repeating after me: **App 1, with this ring I thee wed, I shall love, honour and cherish you, and this ring shall be a symbol of my love.**

...May those who wear these rings live in love all their days...

You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving. May all that you are, always be in love; And may all that is love, always be in you. May you always see and encourage the best in each other and may you always be each other's best friend and greatest love.

I will now invite the witnesses to join App 1 and App 2 to complete the signing of the register.

I wish you long life, happiness, prosperity, and may the vows you exchanged today, sustain you forever.

I, Officiate, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, hereby pronounce you Applicant 1 and Applicant 2 to be **husband & wife/officially wed**. You may kiss.