

BRIEF CEREMONY

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Marriage is as old as the family of man. It was given by our creator in the Garden of Eden in the state of innocence. Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, first gave legal sanction, and our Lord Jesus Christ, when He was upon the earth, gave it spiritual sanction.

Rightly regarded, marriage is the highest and happiest of human relationships, the preserver of true love, the foundation of the home, and the strength of society. The scriptures teach us that marriage should "be held in honor among all."

If you have both duly considered this relationship upon which you are about to enter, please indicate by joining hands.

THE MARRIAGE VOWS

TO GROOM: _____, do you take this woman, whose hands you now hold, to be your wedded wife, and do you promise before God and these witness that you will be to her a true and devoted husband; true to her in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in prosperity and in adversity; and that forsaking all others you will keep yourself to her, and to her only, until God shall separate you by death? If so, answer "I do."

TO BRIDE: _____, do you take this man, whose hands you now hold, to be your wedded husband, and do you promise before God and these witness that you will be to him a true and devoted wife; true to him in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in prosperity and in adversity; and that forsaking all others you will keep yourself to him, and to him only, until God shall separate you by death? If so, answer "I do."

THE EXCHANGE OF RINGS

May this circle, the emblem of an untarnished eternity, be the sign and seal of a pure and imperishable faith you have now pledged to each other.

THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as a minister of the gospel of Christ, and in accordance with the laws of God and the sovereign State of _____, I now pronounce you husband and wife – one in name, one in aim, and on, we trust, in a holy destiny. What God has joined together, let no man, woman, boy or girl separate.