

Marriage Ceremony
for
Long-Term Relationships

You have come here today to publicly declare your love for each other, and to formalize the enduring commitment that you made to each other long ago. You have already created the marriage in your hearts; you are here now to share it with friends and family.

Today will mark not the beginning of your lives together, but a new anniversary for you to celebrate in the history of your relationship. This ceremony is a traditional joining together of two people. No other human ties are more tender, and no other vows more important, than those you now assume.

Do you, _____, take _____ to be your spouse?
(Repeat for other spouse)

Please face each other and join hands to repeat your vows:

I want it to be known that I, _____ take you,
_____ to be my spouse, in sickness and in health,
through good times and bad, and I promise to cherish, love, and
comfort you for all of my life.

(If rings are exchanged)

I offer you this ring as a symbol of my lasting love and affection.
(Repeat the lines above for other spouse)

Now that you have formally joined yourselves in matrimony,
may we offer to you, _____ and _____, our
sincere good wishes. May you have joy and give joy, and make
your home a source of strength and happiness to yourselves
and others.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as City Clerk for the City
of Livermore, County of Alameda, State of California, I now
pronounce you married under the laws of the State of
California.