

## Civil Wedding Ceremony Script 4

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You are about to enter into a union which is most serious. It is most serious because it will bind you together for life in a relationship so close and intimate that it will profoundly influence your whole future. That future, with its hopes and disappointments, its successes and its failure, its pleasures and its pains, its joys and its sorrows, is hidden from your eyes. You know that these elements are mingled in every life, and are to be expected in your own. And so, not knowing what is before you, you take each other for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. Truly, then, these words are most serious. It is a beautiful tribute to your loving faith in each other that, recognizing their importance, you are nevertheless, so willing and ready to pronounce them. And because the words involve such solemn obligations, it is most fitting that you rest the security of your wedded life upon the great principle of self-sacrifice. And so you begin your married life by the voluntary and complete surrender of your individual lives in the interest of that deeper and wider life which you two have in common. Henceforth, you will belong entirely to each other; you will be one in mind, one in heart and one in affection. No greater blessing can come to your married life than pure matrimonial love, loyal and true to the end. May then this love with which you join your hands and hearts today never fail, but grow deeper and stronger as the years go on. And if true love and unselfish spirit of sacrifice guide your every action, you can expect the greatest measure of earthly happiness that may be allotted to each of you.

### Exchange of Vows

Officiant Asks:

Do you, Groom, take this woman, Bride, to be your lawful wedded wife?

Groom Responds:

I Groom, take thee, Bride, for my lawful wife, to love, honor and keep you as a faithful husband is bound to do, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and adversity, and forsaking all others, keep myself only unto you.

Officiant Asks:

Do you, Bride, take this man Groom, to be your lawful wedded husband?

Bride Responds:

I, Bride, take thee, Groom, for my lawful husband, to love, honor and keep you as a faithful wife is bound to do, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and adversity, and forsaking all others, keep myself only unto you.

### **Giving and Receiving of Rings**

(Groom) With this ring I thee wed, and pledge my faith.

(Bride) With this ring I thee wed, and pledge my faith.

### **Conclusion**

For as much as Bride and Groom have consented to live together in

wedlock, and having declared their intentions before these witnesses and no legal impediments having been shown, I do hereby join them together in wedlock and declare that they are now husband and wife.

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