

**Subject: Marriage Renewal of Vows**

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Note: This ceremony is for a renewal of vows ceremony that takes place in the couple's home – a blessing of their home as well.

**Marriage Renewal of Vows & House Blessing**

Preset: two balloons

Renewal of vows for \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

True marriage is a deep and infinite bond of spiritual love between two individuals which can never be bound nor can it be broken by man's law – for it is a spiritual union and occurs as of this day through God's law - of Love. This ceremony is simply a celebration of your spiritual bond. I am privileged to be present to celebrate the renewal of your vows and the awakening of the deeper love between you both.

\_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_, the vows that you are about to take is the foundation from which your lives together will continue to open into ever expanding levels of happiness, love, health and self- expression.

The purpose of this marriage is to create a loving support unit in which both of you will be all you can be spiritually, mentally, and physically. Marriage can be a great adventure when it is the outward expression of a great love. Such a love is characterized by compassion, passion, and courage. It makes you able to see through to your partner's essence: willing to be in total support of your partner's well being, goals, purpose and spirit; and unwilling for your partner to be less than all he or she can be spiritually, mentally and physically. Such a love requires that you be totally honest with yourself and with your mate, that you ask for what you want, take action even at times where you are afraid, share how it is for you, and listen...but leave your partner free.

I hold for you, because I hold for myself, a love that brings out your magnificence, a love that gives you the courage to stand apart and the willingness to stand together. I hold for you a home of private retreat.

Most of all I wish for you, that at the end of your lives on this plane, you will be able to look into each other eyes and say: "because you have loved me, you have given me faith in myself, and because I have faith in myself, I have loved my fellow man. My life with you has been complete".

In the words of James Dillet Freeman:

May your marriage bring you all the exquisite excitements a marriage should bring, and may life grant you also patience, tolerance, and understanding.

May you always need one another...not so much to fill your emptiness as to help you to know your fullness.

A mountain needs a valley to be complete: the valley does not make the mountain less but more: and the valley is more a valley because it has a mountain towering over it. So let it be with you and you.

May you need one another, but not out of weakness.

May you want one another, but not out of lack.

May you entice one another, but not compel one another...

May you embrace one another, but not encircle one another.

May you succeed in all important ways with one another and not fail in the little graces.

May you look for things to praise and often say "I love you". And take no notice of small faults.

If you have quarrels that push you apart, may both of you hope to have the good sense enough to take the first step back.

May you enter into the mystery which is the awareness of one another's presence no more physical than spiritual. Warm and near when you are side by side, and warm and near when you are in separate rooms or even distant cities.

May you have happiness and may you find it in making one another happy.

May you have love and may you find it in loving one another.

Will you face each other please?

\_\_\_\_\_, look into \_\_\_\_\_'s being for a moment and then offer her your statement of love: (he reads his statement)

\_\_\_\_\_, do you accept \_\_\_\_\_ as your forever beloved husband?  
(I do)

\_\_\_\_\_, look into \_\_\_\_\_'s being for a moment and then offer him your statement of love: (she reads)

\_\_\_\_\_, do you accept \_\_\_\_\_, as your forever beloved wife? (I do)

I'd like to ask you to join hands now and follow me outside to the threshold of your front door

### **Balloon ceremony**

Through God's light and love, your paths have joined once more. As you each take a balloon, let them represent your previous pathways. And now tie your balloons together and release them along with the parts of the past that no longer serve you. As the balloons weightlessly lift to the sky they now symbolize your oneness in life, a life that radiates Gods' love as it blesses, inspires and guides you.

(Minister stands inside doorway, couple stands outside)

Please join me in prayer:

Our Infinite Almighty Father-Mother God. Witness in every true marriage and sealer of this spiritual union blesses His children \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and is with them upon every step of their path together. Thank you God for blessings upon this home so that nothing crosses this threshold but goodness and truth, purity and wisdom, prosperity and contentment. Amen.

Now, before you cross this threshold of your home, will you promise to remember that from this moment forward, you are walking into a holy and sacred space? If so, say I do. . Do you both agree to hold your home as the sanctuary that shelters your lives in love, respect and gratitude. If so, say I do...  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, inasmuch as you have agreed to these vows and your renewed marriage vows to one another, under the spiritual authority vested in me as ordained in the United Church Of Religious Science, I joyfully pronounce you renewed, alive, awake and aware as husband and wife. It takes two kisses to seal this one.