

Subject: Marriage Renewal Vows

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Friends:

Love was meant to be shared with children, family and friends and because you have shared in their lives by your friendship and love, and have witnessed how beautiful life can be when touched by love; you have been invited to celebrate with:

_____ & _____
as they rededicate the sacred vows which they took _____ years ago.

True marriage is the result of two souls coming together in that union which is the most sacred of all earthly unions. There are no ties on earth so sweet and tender as those you assumed _____ years ago. There is no institution on earth so sacred as that of the home you formed.

Your separate lives with their own memories, hopes, temptations and trials were merged into one on that wonderful day.

_____, you took _____
to be your wife, to love her, comfort her, honor and cherish her at all times and her alone.

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to be your husband, to love him, comfort him, honor and cherish him at all times and him alone.

_____, you placed a wedding ring on _____'s
finger, a symbol of the unbroken unity of married life. You placed it on her finger as a token of faithfulness each to the other, and she gave it place upon her hand as a token of faithfulness one to the other.

You consented together in the holy bonds of wedlock and were pronounced man and wife in name of the Eternal Father and the Eternal Mother of all creation. On that momentous day, perhaps you were thinking most of your own happiness.

As the years passed, the happiness of many others were involved with yours. Through these _____ years, the happiness you had on that day has shed its beam of light on all whom you have known and contacted. There have been many challenges to patience and wisdom. Your love has met them all, for it is wise and understanding, as well as warm and strong.

You performed an act of faith believing in each other to the utmost. That faith has been honored. Through the years you have been unmoved in your devotion. Though dreams seemed to fade, you always remained confident and sure.

After _____ years of married life you stand in our presence, bearing witness to the fact that two souls have the power to love each other more and more indefinitely; and that the larger the love becomes, the more lovable do the objects of that love become; knowing that the consciousness of perfect unity in pure affection increases constantly as these two souls find your Oneness with God.

You stand in our presence as an inspiration to each one who has entered into the bonds of Holy Matrimony, and we ask that at the end of _____ years we may stand in the presence of others with the same grace, beauty, and strength, and bear witness to the power of love.

And now, on this happy day, you are renewing your covenant of love, loyalty, and devotion to each other. And even as God blessed your marriage _____ years ago, we know that God is present here blessing this renewal of vows. In the presence of God, who has led you in the midst of joy and difficulty, in the presence of your children, grandchildren, and friends, you are again performing an act of faith, believing in each other to the utmost, as you give to each other your heart and your hand, all that you have and all that you are.

(join right hands)

_____, _____ years ago you pledged your troth to _____, and you took her to be your wedded wife. These _____ years have found you faithful to your pledge. Will you, therefore, now after _____ years of marriage, in the presence of God, in the presence of your children, in the presence of your grandchildren, and in the presence of these friends who have gathered here, renew your vows of love and loyalty, and continue this devotion to her so long as you both shall live? Will you thus renew your spiritual unity?
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Let us bless this beautiful couple with a prayer:

Eternal spirit, from which all things come, and to which all things return; fountain of all light, trust, and being with whom to be with is constant happiness, and from whom to feel separated is darkness; may this man _____ and this woman _____ who have entered into spiritual union, continue to be conscious of thy indwelling presence.

May they remain one with each other as they are one with thee. May they rejoice

in perfect love and peace together, living always in accord with thy law and teaching their children accordingly. Amen.

And now as minister of this Church and the officiating authority in this ceremony, I proclaim your marriage as Husband and Wife to be a blessed event. God's blessing upon you. You may kiss your wife.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with great pride and pleasure I present to you:
Mr. and Mrs. _____