

Sacred Promise

Let us take a moment to open our hearts to love's presence revealed in the nature around us...in the earth and sky, in the trees, the breeze, the sounds of the birds...Also, let us be aware of that same presence as it stirs within us, expressing itself through our emotions of joy and happiness... but most importantly as it radiates in the love of _____ and _____.

This is a new beginning for both of you and I'd like to offer some gentle reminders to ease your life-long task of living and growing together. Be kind to each other. And when you disagree, do it respectfully.

Be gentle and forgiving with each other. When you forgive, your hearts make room for a little more love, a little more understanding, and a little more compassion.

Communicate with each other. Share the joy that's in your heart and the sorrow that burdens your soul. Open your hearts to each other and find love.

(Native American Blessing)

Above you are the stars, below you are the stones.
As time does pass remember:
Like a star should your love be constant.
Like a stone should your love be firm.
Be close, yet not too close.
Possess one another, yet be understanding.
Have patience with each other, yet understanding.
Have patience with each other, for storms will come, but they will go quickly.
Be free in giving of affection and warmth.
Make love often, and let not the ways of words of the unenlightened give you unease.
For the Great Spirit is with you, now and always.

(Ring Blessing)

Circles have no beginning and have no end, and so in the long and sacred tradition of marriage rings have come to symbolize eternal love and endless union of the body, of mind and spirit.

(Pronouncement)

Father Sky and Mother Earth, creator and nurturer of all life, We give heartfelt thanks for the moment that brought _____ and _____ together in the holy state of marriage. Now as you _____ and _____ have consented together in matrimony and have pledged your faith to each other by the giving and the receiving of these rings, before each other. I by the virtue of the authority vested in me as an Ordained Minister of the State of Arizona, pronounce you husband and wife. You may seal your union with a kiss.

And now it is my pleasure to present for the first time Mr. and Mrs. _____