

# **GENERAL OUTLINE FOR WEDDING**

## **CEREMONY**

### **(Example only)**

- \*You can change the order, remove or add any parts of this program
- \*\*You can add songs into different parts of the program
- \*\*\*Some different options may include writing and reciting your own vows, cultural traditions, or a tribute.

#### **Sample Vows**

I (G's name) take you, (B's name) to be my wife, my partner in life and my one true love. I will cherish our friendship and love you today, tomorrow and forever. I will trust you and honor you.

I will laugh with you and cry with you. I will love you faithfully

Through the best and the worst, Through the difficult and the easy.

What may come I will always be there. As I have given you my hand to hold

So I give you my life to keep. So help me God.

#### **OTHER SAMPLE VOWS FOR GENERAL OUTLINE PAGE**

I \_\_\_\_\_ take you \_\_\_\_\_

To be my wife from this time onward

To join with you and to share with you

All that is to come

To give and to receive

To speak and to listen

To inspire and to respond

And in all our life

To be faithful to you

And to cherish you

With my whole being

As long as we both shall live.

#### **LINKS FOR OTHER VOWS**

[www.myweddingvows.com](http://www.myweddingvows.com)

[www.ultimatewedding.com](http://www.ultimatewedding.com)

**APACHE WEDDING BLESSING - MARRIAGE PRAYER----UNDER  
“READINGS”**

Now you will feel no rain,  
for each of you will be shelter for the other.

Now you will feel no cold,  
for each of you will be warmth for the other.

Now there is no more loneliness.

Now you are two persons,  
but there is only one life before you.

May your days together be good and long  
upon the earth.

**HANDS OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM---“READING” BY MAID OF  
HONOR AND BEST MAN**

[Just before vows.]

Officiant: Now our maid of honour and the best man (or two other readers) will do the 'Hands of the bride and groom prayer.

Maid of Honour: [Bride], please face [Groom], and hold his hands, palms up, so you see the gift that they are to you. These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, for a lifetime of happiness. These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes: tears of sorrow and tears of joy. These are the hands that will comfort you in illness, and hold you when fear or grief fill you. These are the hands that will give you support and celebrate with you in your accomplishments.

Best Man: [Groom], please hold [Bride's] hands, palms up, where you may see the gift that they are to you. These are the hands that will hold you tight as you struggle through difficult times. They are the hands that will comfort you when you are sick or console you when you are grieving. These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, for a lifetime of happiness. These are the hands that will give you support as she encourages you to fulfill your dreams. Together, as a team, everything you wish for can be realized.

(Optional)

Officiant: God, bless these hands that you see before you this day. May they always be held by one another. Give them the strength to hold on during the storms of stress and the dark of disillusionment. Keep them tender and gentle as they nurture each other in their

wondrous love. Help these hands to continue building a relationship founded in your grace, rich in caring, and devoted in reaching for your perfection. May [Groom's name] and [Bride's name] see their four hands as healer, protector, shelter and guide. We ask this in your name, Amen.

### **Suggested General Outline**

Prelude/ Ushers seat Guests  
Mothers escorted in (by groom, family member, or usher)  
Parents light candles for Unity Candle  
Minister, Groom and Best Man enter  
Bridesmaids and Groomsmen enter  
Flowergirl & Ringbearer  
Bride and Father enter  
Introductory Prayer  
Giving of the Bride  
Introductory remarks and Welcome  
Preliminary Vows--"I Do's"  
Message on the Meaning of Marriage  
Vows  
Exchange of the Rings  
Light Unity Candle/ Communion/ Flowers to Parents/ Song  
Prayer of Dedication  
Pronouncement of Marriage  
THE KISS!  
Introduction of the Couple  
Recessional  
Pictures  
Reception