

# BRIEF CEREMONY

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*(This is a brief ceremony -shortest non religious ceremony - only about 5 minutes - but still more meaningful than an registry office wedding.)*

You may add a [PRAYER](#) and/or [Bible](#) verse however if you wish a brief Christian elopement ceremony- pick your own or from this material. Or the [Apache](#) or [Cherokee](#) Blessing... or any other changed. You are welcome to make any changes, deletions or additions to this ceremony.)

\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_, today you celebrate one of life's greatest moments and give recognition to the worth and beauty of love, as you join together in vows of marriage.

*(Vows used unless other vows are wished. You may change the vows as you wish)*

(Partner 1) \_\_\_\_\_, **do you take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your life-partner? ("I do")**  
**Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect her, forsaking all others and holding only unto her/him? ("I do")**

(Partner 2) \_\_\_\_\_, **do you take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your life-partner? ("I do")**  
**Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him, forsaking all others and holding only unto him/her? ("I do")**

*(If rings are exchanged each does so before repeating the following vows - unless you wish other vows or do not wish to repeat vows. It is not required to repeat vows.) Rings are NOT required)*

(Partner 1) I \_\_\_\_\_, take thee, \_\_\_\_\_ to be my life-partner- To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you.

(Partner 2), **I** \_\_\_\_\_, **take thee \_\_\_\_\_ to be my life-partner. To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you.**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, just as two very different threads woven in opposite directions can form a beautiful tapestry, so can your two lives merge together to form a very beautiful partnership. To make your union work will take love. Love should be the core of your union, love is the reason you are here. But it also will take **trust** - to know in your hearts you want the best for each other. It will take **dedication** - to stay open to one another; to learn and to grow together even when this is not always so easy to do. It will take **faith** - to always be willing to go forward to tomorrow, never really knowing what tomorrow will bring. And it will take **commitment** - to hold true to the journey you both now pledge to share together.

*(Some couples will add the "Standard Christian Ceremony Prayer" to make this a Christian ceremony. This adds about 2 minutes. Others add their favorite song, reading or poem at this point. Others will add Unity Candles or the Rose Ceremony. )*

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, in so much as the two of you have agreed to live together, have promised your love for each other by these vows, I now declare you to be partners in life together

*Congratulations, you may seal your union with a kiss.*

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