

Non-Religious Elopement

Greeting:

OFFICIANT: Dearly beloved today you celebrate one of life's greatest moments to give recognition to the worth and beauty of love, as you join together in vows of marriage.

Pledge/Declaration of Intent (this is when you declare your action or intent to marry is a matter of free will)

OFFICIANT: Do you, **{Groom}** take **{Bride}** to be your wife? Will you love her, comfort and keep her, and forsaking all others remain true to her as long as you both shall live?"

{Groom}: I Do

OFFICIANT: Do you, **{Bride}** take **{Groom}** to be your husband? Will you love him, comfort and keep him, and forsaking all others remain true to him as long as you both shall live?"

{Bride}: I Do

Vows:

OFFICIANT: Now that you have declared your intentions, I invite you to share your vows with one another.

{Groom} repeat to **{Bride}**, after me, these words:

I take you **{Bride}** to be my wedded wife.
To have and to hold from this day forward
For better, for worse
For richer, for poorer
In sickness and in health,
To love and to cherish 'til death do us part.

OFFICIANT:

{Bride} repeat to **{Groom}** after me, these words:

I take you **{Groom}** to be my wedded husband.
To have and to hold from this day forward
For better, for worse
For richer, for poorer
In sickness and in health,
To love and to cherish 'til death do us part.

Exchange of Rings optional

OFFICIANT: These rings have no beginning and no end.
They set forth the eternal nature of real love.
They will represent the love and trust that
{Groom} and **{Bride}** promise to each other this day.

{Groom} will you take this ring
and place it upon **{Bride}**'s finger,
and as you do, repeat to her,
after me, these words:

I give you this ring.
As I give you myself,
With love and affection
Wear it in peace always

{Bride} will you take this ring
and place it upon **{Groom}**'s finger,
and as you do, repeat to him,
after me, these words:

I give you this ring.
As I give you myself,
With love and affection
Wear it in peace always

{Groom} and **{Bride}**, may you find happiness in your matrimony.
May you live faithfully together,
may you ever remain compassionate.
May your years be rich in the joys of life,
and your days be long upon the earth.

Pronouncement:

OFFICIANT:

Inasmuch as you **{Groom}** and you **{Bride}**
have promised your love for each other by these vows,
the joining of your hands and the giving of these rings,
by virtue of the authority vested in me as an Officiant,
and the laws of this state,
but more importantly by the love you share for each other
I now pronounce you husband and wife

You may kiss the bride.