

It is helpful in preparing for your marriage to spend time discussing these important parts of the service. I have underlined some words to check out but please consider all of them and be prepared to say what they mean to you for your relationship. There are no right answers, just your answer.

THE DECLARATIONS.

The minister says to the bridegroom/ bride

N, will you take *N* to be your wife/husband?

Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live? **I will.**

The Vows

N & N I now invite you to join hands and make your vows, in the presence of God and his people.

I, *N* take you, *N*,
to be my wife/ 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, till death us do part;
according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow.

Blessing OF THE Ring's

Heavenly Father, by your blessing,
let these rings be to *N & N*
a symbol of unending love and faithfulness,
to remind them of the vow and covenant
which they have made this day
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

N, I give you this ring
as a sign of our marriage.
With my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
within the love of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The minister joins their right hands together and says

In the presence of God, and before this congregation,
N & N have given their consent and made their marriage vows to each other.
They have declared their marriage by the joining of hands and by the giving and receiving of rings. I therefore proclaim that they are now husband and wife.
Those whom God has joined let no one put asunder