



*you've told us in your word, in the book of Jeremiah, that you know the plans you have for us... Plans to prosper us and not to harm us, but to give us a hope and a future!*

*Lord, we ask that for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, today, and we pray that you will heap blessings upon them as they walk together with you from today forward.*

*In Jesus' Holy name we pray,*

*Amen*

## **CONGREGATION: Amen**

### **OFFICIANT** (to congregation):

Ladies and gentlemen, when God created Adam at the beginning of all things, He said to Himself in Genesis 2:18, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

It's not a part of our makeup to be alone. God didn't design us that way. He made us so that we need to depend on one another. He made us so that we need each other to hold us up, and sometimes carry us through the rough stuff. He made us so that when we triumph, we triumph that much more with each other than we do when we're alone. In fact, the Apostle Paul spoke about how for most people, marriage is necessary in 1 Corinthians 7. He also gave us a vision of holy love in that same book a few chapters later.

He writes, "Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

### **OFFICIANT** (to couple):

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, I want to urge you to hold to that vision of your love for one another, because that is the kind of love God has planned for your lives. \_\_\_\_\_, God has a plan for you, and from this day forward, that plan involves \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_, God has a plan for you, too. He always has, and that plan, from this day forward, involves \_\_\_\_\_.

Keeping this knowledge in your hearts and minds, it's time to declare yourselves to one another.

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## DECLARATION OF INTENT

### **OFFICIANT** (to \_\_\_\_\_):

\_\_\_\_\_, do you take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your lawfully wedded *husband/wife/partner* from this day forward - whether times are good or bad, rich or poor, healthy or ill; will you love, honor, and cherish her, and hold her up in faith long as you both shall live?

\_\_\_\_\_: **I do.**

**OFFICIANT** (to \_\_\_\_\_):

\_\_\_\_\_, do you take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your lawfully wedded *husband/wife/partner* from this day forward - whether times are good or bad, rich or poor, healthy or ill; will you love, honor, and cherish him, and hold him up in faith long as you both shall live?

\_\_\_\_\_: **I do.**

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## VOW/RING EXCHANGE

**OFFICIANT** (to couple):

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, it's now time to say your vows.

*(If the couple do not have their own vows prepared, the following may be used)*

**OFFICIANT** (to \_\_\_\_\_):

\_\_\_\_\_, please repeat after me: \_\_\_\_\_, with this ring, I promise to love, honor, and cherish you, and to hold you up in faith, whether times are good or bad, whether we're rich or poor, and through whatever God has in store for us, as long as I live.

*(\_\_\_\_\_ puts ring on \_\_\_\_\_'s finger)*

**OFFICIANT** (to \_\_\_\_\_):

\_\_\_\_\_, please repeat after me: \_\_\_\_\_, with this ring, I promise to love, honor, and cherish you, and to hold you up in faith, whether times are good or bad, whether we're rich or poor, and through whatever God has in store for us, as long as I live.

*(\_\_\_\_\_ puts ring on \_\_\_\_\_'s finger)*

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## PRONOUNCEMENT

### **OFFICIANT** *(to couple):*

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, having proclaimed your love for, and commitment to one another in the sight of the Lord and of these witnesses, it is my pleasure, by the power vested in me by God and by the state of \_\_\_\_\_, to pronounce you *husband/wife/partner* and *husband/wife/partner*!  
\_\_\_\_\_ you may now kiss your *bride/groom/spouse*!

( \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ kiss)

### **OFFICIANT** *(to congregation):*

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my great pleasure to present to you *Mr./Mrs./Mx.* and *Mr./Mrs./Mx.*  
\_\_\_\_\_!

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## CLOSING STATEMENT

### **OFFICIANT** *(to congregation):*

Following the processional, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will greet guests in the \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you so much for joining us today. God bless you all.