

# Sample Renewal of Vows Ceremony 1

Family and friends, on behalf of Bill and Lyn I would like to welcome all of you. Today you have been invited to be witnesses and to share with this couple in a very special celebration. My name is Adrian Downey, I am a registered Civil Marriage Celebrant, I am here today to conduct a Renewal of Vows Ceremony that has very significant purpose.

Bill and Lyn, Marriage is the way you chose to express and live your love in a committed lawful relationship. Today you are here to renew this commitment to each other, and share with us the celebration of your love. We are here today in your home, this house will be your castle, your sanctuary of love, peace and togetherness, and as your bonds of love grow stronger through the years so too will your house grow in character and the warmth of your love for each other, will make your house your home.

*A paragraph or two of personalized information may be added about how you met or your wedding day.....*

From the book "The Promises of Marriage"

A soul mate is someone who has locks that fit our keys, and keys to fit our locks. When we feel safe enough to open the locks, our truest selves step out and we can be completely and honestly who we are; we can be loved for who we are and not for who we are pretending to be. Each unveils the best part of the other. No matter what else goes wrong around us, with that one person we are safe in our own paradise. Our soul mate is someone who shares our deepest longing, our sense of direction. When we're two balloons, and together our direction is up, chances are we've found the right person. Our soul mate is the one who makes life come to life.

Celebrant

Once again you have set your focus on the next phase of learning who each of you are, in the presence of one another. Today, here in the surrounds of your own home you are setting the direction that your future life together will be taking.

Today you renew and acknowledge your greatest gifts in life, your love, your support and your caring for each other. Your partnership of the heart is reaffirmed, cherished and held in the highest esteem. We honour you for your ongoing commitment to your marriage and to each other.

The greatest dream of every couple is to own their own home and raise a healthy happy, family. It is evident to all of us, that you are well on the way toward the fruition of these dreams.

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## Reading

Hold fast to love - let kindness rule your home,  
And in each quiet every day you'll see not only what love seems to mean just now, but even more what it is meant to mean.

You'll find that love can make your burdens lighter,  
Love can give more than lovers dare to ask.  
Love is the answer to the souls deep searching,  
Love is the reason for each weary task.

Love is the sunshine when the skies are gloomy,  
Love is the healer when the spirit pales.

Bringing new colour to the world around you  
When hopes are withered and when courage fails.

Love is the dreamer and its dreams are endless,  
Love is the do-er giving force and strength,  
Love is your guide when paths are dim and twisted,  
Love is your comfort through a dark day's length.  
Hold fast to all the bonds that are between you,  
Try to see all things through one another's eyes.  
You'll find no trial too great to conquer,  
Love is the dream - the dream that never dies.  
Author Unknown

Celebrant to couple  
will you please face each other and hold hands

Celebrant  
Bill and Lyn on the (Wedding date)  
Did you both take each other as husband and wife, promising to love, honor and cherish each other unto death?

Couple  
We did

Celebrant  
Do you now promise to continue to build a deep and lasting relationship, help each other in all ways to live happy and fulfilling lives, and meet the challenges of marriage with honesty and respect and good humour?

Couple  
We do

Celebrant  
(Groom) repeat after me  
Today in front of family and friends.....  
I solemnly renew my promise.....  
to love and cherish you.....  
to comfort and to care for you.....  
honour and protect you.....  
throughout our lives together.....

Celebrant  
(Bride) repeat after me  
  
Today in front of family and friends.....  
I solemnly renew my promise.....  
to love and cherish you.....  
to comfort and to care for you.....  
honour and protect you.....  
throughout our lives together.....

(Your original Vows can be used again if that is your wish).

## Sealing of the Vows

### Rings

Celebrant

Groom's name repeat after me

Bride's name I gave you this ring on our wedding day.....

and I hope that it will always be a reminder of my love for you.....

wherever life may take us.....

Celebrant

Bride's name repeat after me

Groom's name I gave you this ring on our wedding day.....

and I hope that it will always be a reminder of my love for you.....

wherever life may take us.....

Celebrant

Bill and Lyn (Couple's Names)

Today, you have once again, in front of family and friends, declared your love for each other, by the renewing of your marriage vows. The promises of the love and devotion you have for each other have been reaffirmed in our presence and are as meaningful today as they were on your wedding day. Your hearts beat as one, Every breath you take is shared by the other, every moment in your lives will reflect the deepest beauty that is the essence of your very being....the unfaltering eternal love that is your life together.

### Reading

To love is to share life together, to build special plans just for two,

To work side by side and then smile with pride,

as one by one dreams all come true.

To love is to help and encourage with smiles and sincere words of praise,

To take time to share, to listen and care in tender, affectionate ways.

To love is to have someone special, one who you can always depend

To be there through the years sharing laughter and tears,

as a partner, lover and friend.

To love, is to make special memories, of moments you love to recall.

Of all the good things that sharing life brings, love is the greatest of all.

Author Unknown

Celebrant

Please seal your renewal of vows with a kiss.

I would now like to invite Bill, Lyn along with their witnesses to join me as we sign the certificate.

(Final announcement)

Ladies and gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to announce that Bill and Lyn have reaffirmed the love and commitment of marriage, as husband and wife, and will continue to honour these vows through eternity. As they continue their life together, we hope that this home brings them

comfort shelter and contentment making it a safe haven in which to grow, for a long time to come.

On behalf of Bill and Lyn thank you all for sharing this day with them. And thank you both for giving me the honour of conducting this ceremony for you. Please enjoy the rest of the evening's festivities together as you warm the heart of this family home, and celebrate the joy that is the enduring love of marriage.

Thank you

Your home is your castle, your haven, your sanctuary of love,  
Together may you dwell in it with Divine blessings from above.  
May all who enters here be welcomed by the warmth that it holds  
And may your home bear witness as your life together here unfolds.  
Through the years, you will walk many pathways as husband and wife,  
May you be blessed with children who will share in your life.

Today in this home, with your family and friends, let your new life begin.  
By renewing your vows here, we know you'll be happy within.  
Love, and the commitment of marriage reaffirmed  
Is a union of happiness sharing the lessons you'll learn.  
Take care of each other, as your love continues to grow,  
And your lives will be forever blessed wherever you may go.

## Sample Renewal of Vows Ceremony 2

Family and friends, on behalf of Bill and Lyn I would like to welcome all of you. Today you have been invited to be witnesses and to share with this couple in a very special celebration. My name is Adrian Downey, I am a registered Civil Marriage Celebrant, I am here today to conduct a Renewal of Vows Ceremony that has very significant purpose.

A wedding is a celebration of falling in love and beginning a marriage. A Renewal of Vows is a celebration of staying in love and staying married. As Bill and Lyn have already found, in every marriage more than a week old, there are tough times. What they've found is their own grounds for marriage. And just as we celebrate our successes - whatever they might be - so today, Bill and Lyn are celebrating their achievement in being successful at marriage. Today, on this, their wedding anniversary, Bill and Lyn take the opportunity, to rededicate themselves to each other, celebrating what they've accomplished and looking ahead to what they still want to do with their lives.

They have invited you, their relatives and friends, to share with them this celebration. Many of you of you were present five years ago when Bill and Lyn exchanged their wedding vows. *A paragraph or two of personalized information may be added about how you met or your wedding day.....*

In the past five years you have been part of their lives because by your thoughts, your feelings and your acts towards them, you have strengthened their vows. Your presence today is an affirmation that you will continue to take interest in and support their marriage.

Bill:

We give thanks for all that we've been privileged to experience this past five years - for both the good and the bad, the happy, the sad, the discouraging and the exhilarating.

Lyn:

We give thanks for the support given to us when our days were troubled, and the sharing of our joys when times were good.

Bill:

As we enter this new year of our marriage, let us grow in wisdom from mistake we make, in patience from the sorrows we endure, in perseverance from the disappointments we meet, in strength from the trials we face and in joy from the pleasures we are privileged to experience.

Lyn:

As we walk hand in hand may our capacity increase in the love, compassion, and understanding we need to make this new year in our marriage not only a year in which we can continue to lovingly minister to each other, but also a year when we can build an inspiring legacy to pass on to all those who choose to follow the path of married life.

## Renewing Wedding Vows

Bill:

Five years ago, I, Bill, took you, Lyn, to be my lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold, from that day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health. Today, I re-affirm that vow.

Lyn:

Five years ago, I, Lyn, took you, Bill, to be my lawful wedded husband, to have and to hold, from that day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health. Today, I re-affirm that vow.

## Exchanging the Wedding Rings

### Warming the Rings

The wedding rings are passed among all the guest and as they hold them they give their personal blessing before husband and wife exchange them.

Celebrant:

These rings, now warmed by those you love the most, will forever show the world you are one, and they carry with them the eternal love and blessing of your families and friends.

Bill:

With this ring I pledge my continual love for you.

Lyn:

With this ring I pledge my continual love for you.

Celebrant:

May that special love you now share continue to grow and blossom in the years to come and be sustained by family and friends, and by the commitment you make again today.

May you find in each other companionship as well as love; understanding as well as compassion; challenge as well as agreement. May the home in which you live continue to be an island where

the pressures of the world can be sorted out and brought into focus; where tensions can be released and understood; where personal needs do not tower over concerns for the other and where the warmth of humour and love puts crisis into perspective. Above all, may you find an even richer joy in living, learning, and loving together.

Please seal your renewal of vows with a kiss.

I would now like to invite Bill, Lyn along with their witnesses to join me as we sign the certificate.

Ladies and gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to announce that Bill and Lyn have reaffirmed the love and commitment of marriage, as husband and wife, and will continue to honour these vows through eternity. As they continue their life together, we hope that their home brings them comfort shelter and contentment making it a safe haven in which to grow, for a long time to come.

### Sample Vow Renewal Ceremony 3

Family and friends, on behalf of Bill and Lyn I would like to welcome all of you. Today you have been invited to be witnesses and to share with this couple in a very special celebration. My name is Adrian Downey, I am a registered Civil Marriage Celebrant, I am here today to conduct a Renewal of Vows Ceremony that has very significant purpose.

*A paragraph or two of personalized information may be added about how you met or your wedding day.....*

Good relationships never stop growing. Like fine wines, they get better with age. Bill and Lyn, after \_\_ years of marriage, you have come to this beautiful location today to renew your commitment to each other. No marriage is perfect. And as you continue in yours, you already know that it will take a lot of love, hard work, and dedication to make your relationship an ongoing success. As you continue on your journey together, I ask you to remember this advice:

- Let your love be stronger than your anger,
- Learn the wisdom of compromise - it is far better to bend than to break,
- Confide in each other and ask for help when you need it,
- Always be best friends,
- Never take each other for granted, and
- Remember to say "I love you" often.

**Vows:**

Do you, Bill, continue to take Lyn as your lawful wedded wife? Do you promise to continue to love her, honour her, comfort her, and cherish her, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse, forsaking all others, for as long as you both shall live?

Bill: [I DO]

And do you, Lyn, continue to take Bill as your lawful wedded husband? Do you promise to continue to love him, honour him, comfort him, and cherish him, in sickness and in health, for richer for poorer, for better for worse, forsaking all others, for as long as you both shall live?

Lyn: [I DO]

**Rings (If not exchanging new rings)**

Bill and Lyn, you both have wedding rings as outward symbols of your commitment to each other. The unbroken and never-ending circle of your rings symbolises your never-ending love for each other. Bill, hold Lyn's hand, touch the wedding ring, symbolically giving it to her again, and say to her these words:

*"From this day forward, I recommit myself to you, and this ring is a symbol of my love for you."*

Lyn, hold Bill's hand, touch the wedding ring, symbolically giving it to him again, and say to him these words:

*"From this day forward, I recommit myself to you, and this ring is a symbol of my love for you."*

**Rings (If exchanging new rings)**

Bill and Lyn, wedding rings serve as outward symbols of your ongoing commitment to each other. The unbroken and never-ending circle of your rings symbolizes your never-ending love for each other.

Groom/Bride, place the ring on Bride's /Groom's finger and repeat after me:

*"I give you this ring as a token and pledge of our continued faith and abiding love."*

**Declaration:**

Bill and Lyn, having witnessed your renewed vows, I hereby affirm your commitment to continue as husband and wife.

You may seal your vows with a kiss.

I would now like to invite Bill, Lyn along with their witnesses to join me as we sign the certificate.

Ladies and gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to announce that Bill and Lyn have reaffirmed the love and commitment of marriage, as husband and wife, and will continue to honour these vows through eternity. As they continue their life together, we hope that their home brings them comfort shelter and contentment making it a safe haven in which to grow, for a long time to come.



## Sample Vow Renewal Ceremony 4

Music to play:

Family and friends, Good Afternoon everyone, my name is Adrian Downey, I am the celebrant for Bill & Lyn's renewal of vows ceremony. I would like to welcome you all here on this special day.

It is one of life's richest surprises when the accidental meeting of two life paths leads them to a common path as husband and wife. It is one of life's finest experiences when a casual relationship grows into a permanent bond of love. Such a meeting, such a growth, brings us together today.

*A paragraph or two of personalized information may be added about how you met or your wedding day.....*

There is no greater gift than the love that makes two people one and there is no greater indication of that love than the public commitment which unites two people as husband and wife. The union speaks of the great confidence by which people mutually rely upon, and believe in one another.

Today we are here to celebrate and recognise the marriage of Bill and Lyn. Bill and Lyn, you are mature people who have established individual patterns of living. Yet you have found not only a need for companionship, but also the satisfaction of that need in each others company. It is the love, based upon a reasonable understanding, that will aid you in creating out of your two separate lives a marriage and a happiness you will share together.

Marriage, according to law in Australia, is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life.

I would now like to invite TBC to come forward to share a reading with us.

### Reading

#### **The Magic of Love by Helen Steiner Rice**

Love is like magic, and it always will be,  
For love still remains life's sweet mystery.  
Love works in ways that are wondrous and strange,  
And there's nothing in life that love cannot change!  
Love can transform the most commonplace  
Into beauty and splendor and sweetness and grace.  
Love is unselfish, understanding and kind,  
For it sees with its heart, and not with its mind.



Love is the answer that everyone seeks;  
Love is the language that every heart speaks.  
Love can't be bought, it is priceless and free.  
Love, like pure magic, is life's sweet mystery!!

### Candle Lighting

I would now like to invite Bill and Lyn to come forward and light their candle.

### The Asking/Reaffirmation (holding hands)

#### Adrian to Bill

Today in front of your family and friends do you solemnly renew your promise to love and cherish Lyn, to comfort and to care for her, to honour and protect her throughout your lives together?

Bill: I Do.

#### Adrian to Lyn

Today in front of your family and friends do you solemnly renew your promise to love and cherish Bill, to comfort and to care for him, to honour and protect him throughout your lives together?

Lyn: I Do

### Rings

You are symbolising your renewal of vows by the exchange of rings, may I please have the rings?  
(Bill and Lyn to remove their rings and place them onto the folder)

This circle of gold is a symbol of all that is unending, having neither a beginning nor an end. Let this ring be the symbol of your unity, into which your lives are joined in one unbroken circle.

*Bill, please place Lyn's ring on her finger*

*Lyn, please place Bill's ring on his finger*

### Declaration

May that special love you now share continue to grow and blossom in the years to come and be sustained by family and friends, and by the commitment you make again today.

May you find in each other companionship as well as love, understanding as well as compassion, challenge as well as agreement. May the home in which you live continue to be an island where the pressures of the world can be sorted out and brought into focus, where tensions can be released and understood, where personal needs do not tower over concerns for the other and where the warmth of humour and love puts crisis into perspective. Above all, may you find an even richer joy in living, learning, and loving together.

Please seal your renewal of vows with a kiss.

### The Signing of the Certificate

I now invite Bill, Lyn along with their witnesses to join me as we sign the certificate.

Warmest wishes to Bill and Lyn.

Music to play:

### The Presentation

Ladies and Gentleman, while I now present the certificate to Bill and Lyn, please join me in congratulating them for renewing their vows today.

Music to play:

*Adrian Downey*

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