

Below are some examples of text to accompany the exchange of rings, blessing of rings, ring warming and statements a bride and groom may say during a ring exchange.

Ring Introductions

Wedding rings are made precious by our wearing them. Your rings say that even in your uniqueness you have chosen to be bound together. Let these rings also be a sign that love has substance as well as soul, a present as well as a past, and that, despite its occasional sorrows, love is a circle of happiness, wonder, and delight. May these rings remind you always of the vows you have taken here today.

You have for each other a golden ring. This most precious of metals symbolises that love is the most precious element in your life together. The ring has no beginning and no ending, which symbolises that the love between you will never cease. You place these rings upon each others fingers as a visible sign of the vows which, this day, have made you husband and wife.

Alternate for non-gold rings: "You have for each other special rings – symbols that love is the most precious element in your life together. The ring has no beginning and no ending, which symbolises that the love between you will never cease. You place these rings upon each others fingers as a visible sign of your vows this day, which will make you husband and wife."

Traditionally, the passage to the status of husband and wife is marked by the exchange of rings. These rings are a symbol of the unbroken circle of love. Love freely given has no beginning and no end, no giver and no receiver for each is the giver and each is the receiver. May these rings always remind you of the vows you have taken.

From the Egyptians came the custom of placing the wedding ring on the third finger of the left hand. They believed that from this finger, a 'vein of love' went directly to the heart. Your rings that circle themselves are natural symbols of unending love.

This circlet of precious metal is justly regarded as a fitting emblem of the purity and perpetuity of the Marriage State. The ancients were reminded by the circle of eternity, as it is so fashioned as to have neither beginning nor end; while gold is so incorruptible that it cannot be tarnished by use or time. So may the union, at this time solemnised, be incorruptible in its purity and more lasting than time itself.

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For thousands of years,
Lovers have exchanged rings as a token of their vows
Let these rings be a sign that love has a past, a present, and a future
Through you and within you

(Officiant holds up engagement ring)

The engagement ring is a symbol of a promise and intention. Now today, the intention is realised and the promise is fulfilled. So Groom, would you please place the engagement ring on Bride's finger over her wedding band, symbolising that the love that brought you together will protect and sustain you.

Circles have no beginning and has no end, and so in the long and sacred tradition of marriage rings have come to symbolise eternal love and endless union of body, of mind, and of the spirit. They have been given by lovers to each other as tokens of faith, trust, and hope as well as a tangible sign of a promise given and kept through the days of their lives together. We are here to witness the making of this promise, and giving of all the intangibles of their heart and spirit: love, trust, faith, and hope, not just in each other, but also in their relationship. They are

making a declaration before all of you that from this day forth, they are united before the world in a promise that spans the years of their lives.

May these rings remind you that your love, like the sun, warms all that it touches, like the moon, brightens up the night, like the eye, is a gateway to your innermost soul.
And your love, like the arms that embrace you, makes everything right with the world.

May the vows and promises you have made today be as ever-present in your hearts as these rings are on your fingers.

May these wedding rings be a reminder to BRIDE and GROOM of the commitment they have made today and be as a testimony to all the world of their devotion in marriage.

The ring is an ancient symbol, so perfect and simple.

It has no beginning and has no end.

It is round like the sun, like the moon, like the eye, like arms that embrace.

It is a circle; for love that is given comes back round again.

Your rings are precious because you wear them with love.

They symbolise your commitment in marriage.

They remind you of who you are, where you've been, and where you're going.

As you wear them through time, they will reflect not only who you are as individuals, but also who you are a couple.

These rings are made of precious metals; purified by the heat of many fires.

They are a symbol of the wealth that resides inside each of you and the purity of your love for one another.

Though we have heard the vows, which have been shared by BRIDE and GROOM, words, once spoken, are carried away on the wind.

Therefore, the wedding ring is a visible symbol of the promises that have been made.

The circle has frequently been used to symbolise eternity.

The ring, like the circle, is a reminder of the perfection and endurance of BRIDE and GROOM's commitment to and love for one another.

These rings represent the vows and promises you've willingly exchanged.

They reflect the commitment those words inspire and all your hopes and dreams for the future.

Let us now have the rings brought forward and presented by the ring-bearer.

May these rings symbolise your inherent wholeness and unity with one another, giving you the strength to happily honour your commitments to each other.

May they remind you that marriage is not a destination but a journey, with no beginning and no end, just a moment to moment opportunity to love and be loved to the best of your ability.

Throughout human tradition, when you make a pledge, it has been deemed good to have a token to remind you of that pledge.

For this purpose you have chosen rings.

They are appropriate to the task because they are circles never ending, like the promises you make to each other today.

And they are made of precious metal, never to be tarnished, like the love you have expressed before me and these witnesses.

Please take these rings and honour each other in their giving.

A circle is the ancient symbol of wholeness and peace.

It also represents the boundaries beyond which the specialness of a particular relationship does not extend.

In the form of a ring the circle is the accepted token of a marriage covenant.

As these rings are fashioned from one of the earth's most precious materials, so may your love, nourished and sustained by the love of God, be the most precious and durable of the values you share.

In giving and receiving these rings, you again acknowledge that your lives remain joined in one unbroken circle, wherever you go, you will always return to your shared life together.

The wedding ring is a symbol of married love, the precious metals show that your love is your most precious possession, and the unending circle symbolises that your love may never cease.

Marriage is a state in which two people come together and create a union that is greater than the sum of its parts.

It is difficult to express in words the profound relationship that is love.

Since the beginning of time, the ring has been an emblem of the sincerity and permanence of a couple's love for one another and regard for their marriage.

As the circle can begin anew at any point, so a good marriage can pick any point to renew itself.

These rings are symbols of your eternal love.

The ring is a symbol of the unbroken circle of love.

Love freely given has no beginning and no end, no giver and no receiver for each is the giver and each is the receiver.

May these rings always remind you of the vows you have taken.

I hold in my hand two beautiful rings, symbolic of a binding contract, to be given and received as bonds of never-ending love and devoted friendship, circles of life and circles of love.

May these rings be blessed as the symbol of this affectionate unity.

What token of your devotion do you offer your beloved?

Now with these rings, symbolising the continuous circle of unity and love with the marriage relationship, and ultimately symbolising the unity and wholeness within the Self, BRIDE and GROOM will finalise their vows.

From the earliest of times, the circle has been a symbol of completeness, a symbol of committed love. An unbroken and never-ending circle symbolised a commitment of love that is also never ending.

As often as either of you looks at this symbol, I hope that you will be reminded of these commitments to one another, which you make today.

May these rings be blessed by God as the changeless symbol of this affectionate unity.

The giving and receiving of rings is the most important part of a marriage ceremony, because the rings are made in the symbol of that which is eternal.

There is no beginning and no end, and as you place these symbols on each other's finger, it signifies that there shall be no end to your marriage, and no end to the happiness that you will both share together.

But let me remind you that these are also the special symbols you will wear before the world, certainly when you go back to your family, and friends, and co-workers. In fact, you will notice the response when you walk away from this beautiful place tonight.

For when people look at you, they will look at your hand and notice the ring on your finger.

They will know that you belong to someone special and that someone special belongs to you.

Everyday for the rest of your lives, every time you wash your hands or reach out to touch each other, these rings will be there to remind you of the great love that you share and of the wonder that the person standing in front of you loves you as much as you love them.

So when you place these rings upon each other's fingers, wear them with love and with honour.

Wedding rings are an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual grace and the unbroken circle of love, signifying to all the union of this man and this woman in marriage.

The wedding ring is justly regarded as a fitting emblem of the purity and perpetuity of marriage. It is symbolic of the circle of eternity, as it is so fashioned as to have neither beginning nor end; while gold is so incorruptible that it cannot be tarnished by use or by time. So may this marriage, at this time celebrated, be incorruptible in its purity and more lasting than time itself.

And so we come Bride and Groom, to the presentation of rings by which you symbolise and bind your love.

The circle has long been a symbol of spirit and the power of God.

The sky and the earth are round.

The wind in its greatest power whirls.

The sun and moon, both round, come forth and go down again in a circle.

Even the seasons form a great circle in their changing and always come back again to where they were.

Without beginning or end and with no point of weakness, the circle is a reminder of the eternal quality of God and of unending strength.

Let the seamless circle of these rings become the symbol of your endless love and unending faithfulness.

Your wedding rings are most special because they say that even in your uniqueness you have chosen to be bonded, to allow the presence of another human being to enhance who you are.

Your rings carry a potent double message:

We are individuals and yet we belong; we are not alone.

As you wear them through time, they will reflect not only who you are but also the glorious union that you are now creating.

God, bless these rings and the two who exchange them.

Fill them with your Holy Presence.

Keep them safe in the circle of your protection and love.

Ring Blessings

Blessing the Rings If you have a small wedding, you may ask your wedding guests to bless your wedding bands, or to imbue them with positive energy and love. Hand them to someone in the front row, and ask for them to be passed around until they come back to the front. It's best if this can happen during a musical interlude. Having more than 50 guests? You may just want to just ask a few select people to hold the rings and bless them, as passing them around the room will take too much time, and you'll run the risk of losing them.

Bless, O Lord, this ring, and grant that he who gives it and she who shall wear it may remain faithful to each other, and abide in thy peace and favour, and live together in love until their lives' end. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, bless these rings. Grant that _____ and _____ may wear them with deep faith in each other. May they do your will and always live together in peace, love and abiding joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The circle is the symbol of the sun, earth, and universe. It is the symbol of peace. Let this ring be the symbol of unity and peace in which your two lives are joined in one unbroken circle. Wherever you go, return unto one another and to your togetherness.

The wedding ring is a symbol of eternity. It is an outward sign of a commitment and spiritual bond which unites two hearts in endless love.

Bless, O Lord, this ring to be a sign of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The wedding ring is the outward sign of an inward and spiritual grace, signifying to everyone the uniting of this man and this woman in holy matrimony. Let us pray. Bless, O Lord, the giving of these rings, so that they who wear them may abide in peace, and continue in thy favour. Amen.

Bless O Lord these rings, grant that _____ and _____ may wear them with deep abiding faith in each other.

The circle of the ring declares the unity and the oneness of your two lives, which shall contain your devotion beyond every journey, that you may always return again to your togetherness.

Heavenly Father and Holy Mother, we call for your blessing for these rings, both as symbols of love and union between _____ and _____, and as tokens of their hopes and dreams fulfilled in their commitment to each other this day and every day of the rest of their lives together. We ask that these rings hold and carry these dreams, remind them of the endless circle of their union to each other, and be a beautiful reflection of their sacred vows to each other, now and always. We seek this blessing of love not only for _____ and _____, but also for all those who are now married, or have in the past made vows of love to someone they loved. All this we ask, as is our divine right as children of God, Through the Christ in all of us, Amen.

Bless, O Lord, these rings to be signs of the vows by which this man and this woman have bound themselves to each other. Amen.

May the Lord bless these rings which you give as your sign of love and devotion. Amen.

These rings mark a new beginning in your journey together, filled with wonder, surprise, laughter, tears, celebration, grief and joy.

Let us pray: Bless, O god, the giving of these rings, that they who wear them may live in your peace and realised potential.

Amen.

Exchange of Rings

"I (name) give you (name) this ring as an eternal symbol of my love and commitment to you."

"With this ring, I thee wed."

"Through this ring, I accept you as my (wife/husband), now and for all time."

"I give you this ring, as I give to you all that I am, and accept from you, all that you are."

"With this ring, I thee wed, and with it, I bestow upon thee all the treasures of my mind, heart, and hands."

"I give you this ring as a symbol of my love and faithfulness. As I place it on your finger, I commit my heart and soul to you. I ask you to wear this ring as a reminder of the vows we have spoken today, our wedding day."

"This ring is a token of my love. I marry you with this ring, with all that I have and all that I am"

"I give you this ring as a visible and constant symbol of my promise to be with you, for as long as I live."

"I give you this ring as a symbol of my love for you. Let it be a reminder that I am always by your side and that I will always be a faithful partner to you."

"I have for you a golden ring. The most precious metal symbolises that your love is the most precious element in my life. The ring has no beginning and no ending, which symbolises that the love between us will never cease. I place it on your finger as a visible sign of the vows which have made us husband and wife."

"(Name), I give you this ring as a symbol of my love. As it encircles your finger, may it remind you always that you are surrounded by my enduring love. "

"With this ring, I thee wed
With my body, I thee worship
With my heart, I thee cherish
Would all that I am, I give unto you
Would all that I have, I share with you
From this day until forever done."

Response (optional):

"I will forever wear this ring as a sign of my commitment and the desire of my heart"

"I will wear it gladly. Whenever I look at it, I will remember this joyous day and the vows and commitments that we have made."

_____, place the ring on _____'s left hand and repeat after me.

_____, I give you this ring to wear upon your hand as a symbol of our unity, love, respect and trust.

"_____ do you take _____ to be your lawfully wedded wife? Do you vow to love her and care for her for as long as you both shall live? Do you accept her, with all of her faults and strengths, and offer yourself to her with all of your own faults and strengths? Do you promise to be a faithful and loving companion and to always put the promises you make this day above all else?"
(Answer) : "I do."

"Will you now place the ring on your beloved's finger and repeat after me?"

"I _____ take you _____ to be my wife. I will love and honour you, respect and cherish you all the days of my life."

_____ please repeat these vows phrase by phrase after me.

With this ring I take you, _____, as my husband. I offer all that I am in return, and pledge to remember, over every day of our lives together, why we unite here today.

_____, please place this ring on _____'s left hand and repeat after me:

Wear this ring forever, _____, as a symbol of love and peace and of all that is unending.

I give you this ring as a symbol of my love and faithfulness. As I place it on your finger, I commit my heart and soul to you. I ask you to wear this ring as a reminder of the vows we have spoken today, our wedding day.

This ring is a token of my love. I marry you with this ring, with all that I have and all that I am

Response:

I will forever wear this ring as a sign of my commitment and the desire of my heart

I give you this ring to wear with love and joy. As a ring has no end, neither shall my love for you. I choose you to be my (wife / husband) this day and forevermore.

This ring I give to you as a token of my love and devotion to you. I pledge to you all that I am and all that I will ever be as your (husband/wife). With this ring, I gladly marry you and join my life to yours.

I give this ring as my gift to you. Wear it and think of me and know that I love you.

I give you this ring in God's name, as a symbol of all that we have promised and all that we shall share.

I give you this ring as a visible and constant symbol of my promise to be with you as long as I live.

I give you this ring as a symbol of my love for you. Let it be a reminder that I am always by your side and that I will always be a faithful partner to you.

I give you this ring as a symbol of my love, my faith in our strength together, and my covenant to learn and grow with you

Let this ring be a symbol of my promises to you and a reminder of my devotion to you. I am honoured to call you my (wife/husband).

With this ring, I thee wed, and with it, I bestow upon thee all the treasures of my mind, heart, and hands.

(Name), I give you this ring as a symbol of my love. As it encircles your finger, may it remind you always that you are surrounded by my enduring love.

Response: I will wear it gladly. Whenever I look at it, I will remember this joyous day and the vows we've made.

I have for you a golden ring. The most precious metal symbolises that your love is the most precious element in my life. The ring has no beginning and no ending, which symbolises that the love between us will never cease. I place it on your finger as a visible sign of the vows which have made us husband and wife.

Because this ring is perfectly symmetrical, it signifies the perfection of true love. As I place it on your finger, I give you all that I am and ever hope to be.

Response: Because this ring has no end or beginning, it signifies the continuation of true love. As I place it on your finger, I give you all that I am and ever hope to be.

"Groom/Bride, with this ring I give you my heart. I promise from this day forward you will not walk alone. May my arms be your shelter and my heart be your home."

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:

You are the love of my life
And you are my very best friend

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:

I give you this ring to wear
As a symbol of my abiding love,
My eternal faith, and my undying devotion.
It is an outward reminder of our inner unity.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:

With this ring, I marry you and bind my life to yours.
It is a symbol of my eternal love,
My everlasting friendship,
And the promise of all my tomorrows.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
This ring I give you
Is a symbol of my love.
I pledge to share with you my heart,
My home, and all of my worldly goods.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
With this ring, I marry you:
With my loving heart.
With my willing body.
And with my eternal soul.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
I offer my vow to you in the form of this ring,
so that my word and my love,
will always be with you,
close to your heart.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
As a sign of my love for you,
of choosing to share my whole life's journey with you,
and of my knowing that in marrying you
I shall become much more than I am,
I give you this ring, with the pledge
That with you, I shall become my highest expression of God,
Sharing the gifts that I have and I am with you and the world.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
I GROOM/BRIDE take BRIDE/GROOM to be my wife/husband.
I promise you love, honour and respect,
to be faithful to you
and forsaking all others,
until death do us part.

BRIDE, I give you this ring that you may wear it as a reminder of my love for you.
GROOM, I give you this ring that you may wear it as a reminder of my love for you.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
BRIDE/GROOM, I give you this ring,
as a symbol of my love.
I ask you to wear it as a sign to the world that you are my wife/husband.
With this ring, I thee wed.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
I give this ring to you,
my beloved,
my friend,
my wife/husband.
Whenever I see this ring,
I will remember the cherished bond we have created here tonight.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
I give you this ring
as a reminder
that I will love, honour, and cherish you,
In all times,
In all places,
And in all ways, forever.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
I GROOM/BRIDE, take thee, BRIDE/GROOM to be my Wife/husband.
To have and to hold,
in sickness and in health,
for richer or for poorer,
in joy and sorrow,
and I promise my love to you.
And with this ring,
I take you as my Wife/Husband,
for as long as we both shall live.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
On this day...
I marry my best friend...
The one who shares my life, my love and my dreams.
BRIDE/GROOM, I give you this ring
As a symbol of my love and devotion
I offer you my heart, my hand, and my love
I join my life with yours
To cherish and protect you as my wife/husband
With all that I am...
With all that I have...
I honour you as my wife/husband forevermore.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
With this ring,
I pledge my love and faithfulness to you,
today, tomorrow and always.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
This ring is our symbol that you are my lover and you are my best friend in all times, in all places,
and in all ways, forever.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
With this ring
I marry you
and join my life with yours.
Accept this ring
as a sign of my love and faithfulness
for all the years to come.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
BRIDE/GROOM, I give you this ring
as a symbol of my vows,
and with all that I am, and all that I have,
I honour you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
BRIDE/GROOM, I give you this ring as the pledge of my love and as the symbol of our unity.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
You are my life, my love,
and with this ring I marry you.
I promise to be open and honest in our partnership,
and I pledge myself to you from this day forward and for all eternity.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
With this ring,
I pledge my constant and abiding love.
I join my life with yours in loving kindness and compassion.
I join my life with yours in faithfulness.
This is my beloved, and this is my friend.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOMS finger, please repeat after me:
On this day...
I marry my best friend...
The one who shares my life, my love and my dreams.
BRIDE/GROOM, I give you this ring
As a symbol of my love and devotion
I offer you my heart, my hand, and my love
I join my life with yours
To cherish and to protect you as my wife/husband
With all that I am...
With all that I have...
I honour you as my wife/husband forevermore.

GROOM/BRIDE, as you place the ring on BRIDE/GROOM's finger, please repeat after me:
Just as this circle is without end, my love for you is never-ending.
With this ring, I take you to be my partner for life.
I offer you my heart, my hand, and my love.
With all that I am...
With all that I have...
I will honour you as my wife/husband forevermore.

Religious Vows for the Ring Ceremony

Protestant

I give you this ring as a symbol of my love; and with all that I am and all that I have, I honour you,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Episcopalian

(Name), I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am and all that I have, I
honour you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Presbyterian

This ring I give you, in token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love.

Roman Catholic

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, take and wear this ring as sign of my love
and faithfulness.

Unitarian

With this ring, I wed you, and pledge you my love, now and forever.

Lutheran

I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness. Receive this ring as a token of wedded love and faith.

Methodist

I give you this ring as a sign of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have; I honor you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Baptist

With this ring I thee wed, and all my worldly goods I thee endow. In sickness and in health, in poverty or in wealth, till death do us part.

Hindu

Traditions vary, particularly within different regions of India. Most Hindus exchange a necklace called a thaali or thirumangalyam in Southern India or called a mangalsutra in Northern India. You might say: "Praying the Almighty that I be blessed with a long life, I tie this knot around your neck. Oh! Sowbhagyavati, may Providence bestow on you a fulfilling life of a 'Sumangali' for a hundred years to come!"

Ring Warming Ceremony

Before you say your vows and exchange your rings, the wedding officiant will ask everyone, including your wedding party to participate in a ring warming. Your officiant will explain to everyone that the ring warming is an opportunity to send the bride and groom good luck and love through a silent wish to the rings when passed to them.

Having this love in their hearts for each other BRIDE and GROOM have chosen to exchange rings as a symbol of their vows. The wedding rings are the most visible sign of the bond these two people are about to make. A commitment to life, to each other and to the future.

What I now ask BRIDE and GROOM's families to do is to warm these rings by passing them down the row. As you hold them in your hands, pause for a moment, and make your wishes for the couple and for their future before you pass them on to the next person. These rings will not only be a gift from one to another but will be given with the love, support and wisdom of their family and friends.

Before BRIDE and GROOM say their vows and exchange rings, they have asked that the people before them participate in the "warming of the rings." If you are unfamiliar with this ceremony, take the opportunity to wish them health, happiness, and all that is noble and good in life when the rings pass to your care. Hold them for but a moment and warm them with your love, making a silent wish for the future this couple will share. When returned, these rings will contain in their precious metals that which is all the more precious—your love and pledge of support for their union.