

We Still Say "I Do"
National Marriage Week: February 7-14, 2024

SAMPLE Marriage Vow Renewal

(Married couples present, who wish to participate are asked to stand)

PASTOR: Because of your love for each other, having stood together through many joys and difficulties and in appreciation of that, our church wants to acknowledge your faithfulness during National Marriage Week. And to those whose marriage partners have preceded them to Heaven, we express our gratitude and appreciation for your example, encouragement and inspiration to so many.

May God bless you all.

You have chosen to make your marriage the number one priority of your lives, exceeded only by your relationship with God.

You based your marriage on biblical principles by getting married and resolved to remember 5 things, then and now:

- 1) To remember your promise;
- 2) To understand issues will arise, but you will work them out together;
- 3) To "BE THERE" for each other, no matter what;
- 4) To remember sacrifice is required by both;
- 5) To always remember communication is vital, giving each other your full attention. God will and no doubt has blessed those resolutions.

Allow me to encourage you with 3 thoughts.

- 1) God is always with you, for He loves you. (Matthew 28:20b)
- 2) God wants to and will help you in every situation, if you only ask. (1 Peter 5:7)
- 3) God's power is strong when we admit we are weak. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

NOW PLEASE JOIN HANDS AND REPEAT YOUR MARRIAGE VOWS AFTER ME.

"IN FRONT OF GOD AND ALL THESE WITNESSES, I, (HUSBAND/WIFE), STILL TAKE YOU, (WIFE/HUSBAND), 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, UNTIL DEATH DO US PART."

(Repeat for other spouse and pronounce them STILL Husband and Wife))

LET US PRAY:

(Thank God for instituting marriage, how He has blessed the marriages of all present and asking His guidance; provision in the future.)

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The prior sample was lovingly prepared by Rev. "Mike" Glenn. The following is a note from him:

"I serve on the Steering Committee for Bay Marriage Champions, and they asked me to provide a possible time, though brief, for the recognition and endorsement (of marriages) for Evangelical and Protestant churches in Bay County on February 11th.

The Steering Committee plans to recognize many participating churches by photographing some but recognizing all. So, we would appreciate it if you would let us know if you plan to participate by contacting:

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Although we have been married 57 years, Jan and I don't claim to have all of the answers. However, we've learned and experienced much together. From those occasions and other sources, I suggest the (preceding renewal) which, of course, can be added to or (detracted from)."

Your Friend,
Rev. "Mike" Glenn, 1 Corinthians 15:58