We have come together – families and friends – to witness (Bride & Groom names) as they exchange their vows of marriage.

We share with them their delight in finding love with each other, and support their decision to be together from now until the end of time.

As this couple enters into marriage, they do so with thought and reverence.

They give thanks for the past, which brought them to this place, and look forward with hope to what the future will bring.

(optional)

Corinthians One says that love is patient and kind.

It is not jealous or boastful, not irritable or resentful, not arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its’ own way.

It does not rejoice in the wrong, but rejoices in the right.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes in all things and endures all things.

Love never ends.

This marriage is a symbol of (Bride’name) and (Groom’s name) commitment to that love.

(Bride’name) and (Groom’s name) today you are surrounded by your friends & family, all whom are gathered here to witness your marriage and to share in the joy of this occasion which can be one of the most memorable and happy days of your lives. By a mutual commitment to love each other, to work toward creating an atmosphere of care and consideration and respect by a willingness to face the tensions and anxieties that underlie human life, you can make your wedded live come alive. On this day of your marriage, you stand somewhat apart from all other human beings: you stand within the charmed circle of your love. And this is as it should be. But love is not meant to be the possession of two people alone. Rather it should serve as a source of common energy, as a form in which you find the strength to live your lives with courage.

(Groom’s name) do you take (Bride’name) to be your lawful wedded wife, to live together in matrimony to love, honor, comfort her and keep her in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, for as long as you both shall live?

*Man answer* \_\_\_\_\_\_I DO

(Bride’name), do you take (Groom’s name) to be your lawful wedded husband, to live together in matrimony to love, honor, comfort him and keep him in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, for as long as you both shall live?

*Woman answers*\_\_\_\_\_\_I DO

(Groom’s name) please face (Bride’name) & repeat after me

I, (Groom’s name), take you, (Bride’name), to be my beloved wife, to have and to hold you, to honor you, to treasure you, to be at your side in sorrow and in joy, in the good times, and in the bad, and to love and cherish you always. I promise you this from my heart, for all the days of my life.

(Bride’name) please repeat after me

I, (Bride’name), take you, (Groom’s name), to be my beloved husband, to have and to hold you, to honor you, to treasure you, to be at your side in sorrow and in joy, in the good times, and in the bad, and to love and cherish you always. I promise you this from my heart, for all the days of my life.

(Groom’s name)  *please repeat after me as you place ring on* (Bride’name) finger

I give you this ring (Bride’name) as a token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love.

(Bride’name)  *place ring on* (Groom’s name) *finger and repeat after me*

I give you this ring (Groom’s name) as a token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love.

What better way to symbolize this union than to share a gift that will continue to become more a combination of the two of you as each day goes by and your lives grow and truly become one life shared with someone you love so deeply?

For your first gift as Husband and Wife, that gift will be an Hourglass. This relationship is symbolized through the pouring of these two individual containers of sand. One, representing you, (Groom’s name) and One Representing you (Bride’name) and all that you were, all that you are, and all that you will ever be.

*(Pour sand)*

It will combine over the years together, as will you,
and become even more beautiful because it will carry with it, every time it flows,
the special memories of this day
and your many years of memories together as Husband and Wife.

For centuries, the Hourglass has been considered an enduring symbol of the passage of time, so it is appropriate that your first gift as Husband and Wife be an Hourglass to represent the beginning of your new lives.

Please accept this gift. In some ways, tomorrow will seem to be no different than yesterday. But today, you both have given and received one of the most valuable and precious gifts of life - one I hope you will always remember -

the gift of true love felt for each other on this first day

of the rest of your new life together.

(Bride & Groom names), I ask that you both pick one special place for this hourglass and every night before you fall asleep, you turn it over together, watch the sand flow through it, and remember how you felt for one another on this, your wedding day,

and how your love continues to grow.

In every part of life, there are challenges. Marriage is no different. It is sometimes easiest to hurt or be hurt by the ones we love the most.
It might be difficult at times to find the words to say what you really mean.
If this should happen, simply look to the sand flowing through the hourglass -

for this hourglass says with its memories what matters most of all.

This hourglass will bring you back to this very moment in time when you first filled it together, and you will remember the love. It will say the words you perhaps cannot - such as "I am sorry", "I forgive you", "I love you."

(Bride & Groom names), as you think back and remember this marriage ceremony,
always remember that it was love that brought you here today,
it is only love which will make it a perfect marriage,
and it is only by true love that your marriage shall last forever.

In as much as (Bride & Groom names) have this day consented to be joined in wedlock and have given and pledged their troth to each other in the presence of this company, by virtue of the authority vested me under the laws of the State of Florida, I now pronounce you husband and wife. Groom you may now kiss your bride. Presenting Mr & Mrs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_