

Unity Sand Ceremony Samples

Sample 1

As the minister says the following wording, the couple alternately pours sand into the glass vessel to form a layered design with the sand.

“ _____ and _____, today you join your separate lives together. The two separate vessels of sand symbolize your separate lives, separate families and separate sets of friends. They represent all that you have been as an individual. They also represent your lives before today. As these two vessels of sand are poured into the third vessel, the individual vessels of sand will no longer exist, but will be joined together as one. Just as these grains of sand can never be separated and poured again into the individual vessels, so will your marriage be.”

Sample 2

As the minister says the following wording, the couple alternately pours sand into the glass vessel.

“This sand represents the days of your life before today. As they are joined together so shall the days of your life be joined together.”

Sample 3

“The uniting of two individuals into one is symbolized by the pouring of sand. Inseparable we are like the grains of sand united now. The individual is emptied into the sea of love and no longer can be separated, but will be forever and always entwined as one.”

Sample 4

“ _____ and _____ may your love always be as constant as the never-ending waves, flowing endlessly from the depths of the sea. Just as the waters touch and nourish the many shores of the earth, may your love be a moving sea between the shores of your souls. Just as there will never be a morning without the ocean’s flow, there will never be a day without your love for each other. You have just sealed your relationship by the giving and receiving of rings. This beautiful union is symbolized through the combining of these two individual vessels of sand. The first jar represents you _____, in all that you were, all that you are, and the other vessel represents you, _____, in all that you were. Each one holds its own unique beauty, strength, and character. They can stand on their own and be whole, without need of anything else. However when these two are blended together they create an entirely new and extraordinarily more intricate entity. Each grain of sand brings to the mixture a lasting beauty that forever enriches the combination. When you pour the sand into this common vessel, it symbolized the union of your two lives. Just as these grains of sand can never be separated and poured again into the individual vessels - so will your marriage be a molding of two individual personalities, bonded together forming one heart, one love. The life that each of you experienced up to now, individually, will hereafter be an inseparable unit, for the two shall become one.”

Sample 5

“Today, _____ and _____, you are making a commitment of your eternal commitment for one another. As you each hold your sand in separate vessels, the sand represents your lives to this moment; individual and unique. As you now combine your sand together, your lives also join together as one.”

As you can see, the Unity Sand Ceremony can be done many different ways. It’s OK to take parts of any of these ceremonies and make your own version. This is all about you having a unique special experience on your wedding day.

Unity Sand for Vow Renewal

(Bride) and (Groom), you have reaffirmed your love and your sacred commitment of lifelong devotion to one another. Your lives are thus joined past, present and future throughout the sands of time. In recognition of your continued commitment, would you please take a little sand and pour it into the vase. (You do so.)

Your children are an integral part of your lives. (Children's names), will you each please pour sand into the vase.

As family, you are indelibly etched into each other's hearts and we pray that this will continue throughout your lives together. We wish you blessings as countless as the sands upon this beach