

**Pastor Scott Carpenter**

**Vow Renewal for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

**The Opening Words:**

Let this be a day of gladness, thanksgiving, possibility, and good fortune for all of us, but especially for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, who are here to renew and celebrate their love. Just as spring blossoms anew after a harsh winter, so must spouses renew their love for each other in their daily lives. Today you renew your vows and love as husband and wife and celebrate the love that you all have for one another as a family. Today begins the new Spring of this year's love, so let it be renewed each day in your hearts.

**The Poem " On Love", by Thomas a Kempis**

“ Love is a mighty power, a great and complete good. Love alone lightens every burden, and makes rough places smooth. It bears every hardship as though it were nothing, and renders all bitterness sweet and acceptable. Nothing is sweeter than love, nothing stronger, nothing higher, nothing wider, nothing more pleasant, nothing fuller or better in heaven or earth; for love is born of God. Love flies, runs and leaps for joy. It is free and unrestrained. Love knows no limits, but ardently transcends all bounds. Love feels no burden, takes no account of toil, attempts things beyond its strength. Love sees nothing as impossible, for it feels able to achieve all things. It is strange and effective, while those who lack love faint and fail. Love is not fickle and sentimental, nor is it intent on vanities. Like a living flame and a burning torch, it surges upward and surely surmounts every obstacle.”

**The Prayer**

Our Father in Heaven, we gather to celebrate your gift of love, and it's presence among us. We rejoice that these two people have chosen to commit themselves to a life with a variety of loving relationships, and we give thanks for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and *childrens name* for the magical love and friendship you have put in their hearts. Renew within each and every one of them an affectionate, kind and loving spirit. Enrich their lives with the gracious gift of your love so they may embrace others with that same love. We ask that our participation in this celebration of love, and family commitment give to all of us a new joy and responsiveness to the relationships that we cherish. We praise your name holy name God, Amen

**The Declaration:**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, have you come here freely and with the intention of renewing your marriage vows? (*We Have*)

Will you continue to love and honor each other as man and wife every day until the end of time? (*We Will.*)

Will you love, comfort and honor each other, holding each other in high regard forever more? (*We Will*)

**The Vow:**

*Husband name /wife name* do you again take *wife name/husband name* as your wife/husband, will you continue to be faithful to her/him in tender love and honor, offering encouragement and companionship and will you continue to live with her/him and cherish her/him from now until the end of your days?

*(husband / wife answers I do)*

**The Blessing:**

May your joys be sweet as spring flowers that grow  
As bright as a fire when winter winds blow  
As countless as leaves that float down in the fall  
As serene as the Love that keeps watch over all.

**The Pronouncement:**

I now pronounce that you have today reaffirmed your life's commitment to one another, go forth in love and friendship for the rest of the days of your lives.