

Please find a number of examples of Vows below. There is also some examples of text that may accompany the vows.

Couples who wish to write their own wedding vows are encouraged to ~ this will provide a personalised element to your ceremony. Original vows, written from the heart, serve as a source of strength and inspiration for a lifetime. When you write your own wedding vows, acknowledge what your upcoming marriage means to you. Focus on what makes your relationship so special. Describe what your partner, the marriage ceremony and spending the rest of your life together mean to you.

Vow Introductions/ Conclusions

Officiant: We've come to the point of your ceremony where you're going to say your vows to one another. But before you do that, I ask you to remember that love – which is rooted in faith, trust, and acceptance - will be the foundation of an abiding and deepening relationship. No other ties are more tender, no other vows more sacred than those you now assume. If you are able to keep the vows you take here today, not because of any religious or civic law, but out of a desire to love and be loved by another person fully, without limitation, then your life will have joy and the home you establish will be a place in which you both will find the direction of your growth, your freedom, and your responsibility. Please now read the vows you have written for each other.

A wedding is more than a celebration of the Love which lives in our Bride and Groom's hearts today. It reaches into the future and proclaims their intentions for that which tomorrow shall hold. A couple who wed are joined not only by the mutual affection and love they share, but also by their hopes, dreams and by their promises of what will be... The promises and vows they make this day shall guide them into their common future. I will ask you now if you are prepared to make these promises.

. _____ and _____. may the promises you make this day live always in your hearts and in your home so that all which you share now deepen and grow through the years, leading you through a lifetime of happiness.

Today is the public affirmation and acknowledgment of all that you are to each other. Seemingly your relationship will be as it has always been, yet there is a power in the spoken word. May that power bring you all the warmth and closeness, security and comfort, joy and happiness that this world has to offer.

_____ and _____, receive each other from your fathers and mothers, who give you into each other's keeping, by saying now, each to the other, words which will tell of your love.

_____, please repeat after me:

The formal exchange of your wedding vows is the most ancient part of a wedding ceremony.

These are the words that couples for centuries have spoken to one another and, while they are very simple words, they have extraordinary meaning and importance.

As you speak them to one another, you will discover that these are truly sacred promises, and sacred promises must be kept forever.

I am going to speak these words to you now, and ask that you speak them to each other.

Now you shall say a few words that take you across a threshold of life, and things will never quite be the same between you.

For after these vows, you shall say to the world, GROOM is my husband, BRIDE is my wife.

BRIDE and GROOM are here to marry each other. No one else's will can create such a union.

It is their words, their intentions, their vision, that must define and shape this marriage.

So I call upon them now to state their promise before this group: the pledges that will bind them together.

You have known each other for years, through the first glance of acquaintance to this moment of commitment.

At some moment, you decided to marry.

From that moment of yes to this moment of yes, indeed, you have been making promises and agreements in an informal way.

All those conversations that were held riding in a car or over a meal or during long walks – all those sentences that began with “When we’re married” and continued with “I will” and “you will” and “we will” – those late night talks that included “someday” and “somehow” and “maybe” – and all those promises that are unspoken matters of the heart.

Just two people working out what they want, what they believe, what they hope for each other.

All these common things, and more, are the real process of a wedding.

The symbolic vows that you are about to make are a way of saying to one another, “You know all those things we’ve promised and hoped and dreamed – well, I meant it all, every word.”

Look at one another and remember this moment in time.

Before this moment you have been many things to one another – acquaintance, friend, companion, lover, dancing partner, and even teacher, for you have learned much from one another in these last few years.

You have learned that good company and friendship count for more than wealth, good looks or position.

And you’ve learned that marriage is a maze into which we wander – a maze that is best got through with a great companion.

Now you shall say a few words that take you across a threshold of life, and things will never quite be the same between you.

For after these vows, you shall say to the world, this – is my husband, this – is my wife.

BRIDE and GROOM, as you stand here today, I remind you of the serious nature of the relationship you are about to enter.

Marriage is the voluntary and full commitment of two consenting adults to love each other for a lifetime.

For a marriage to be successful, you must each be loyal to the other, stand firm in your defence of each other and be supportive of one another’s life goals and dreams.

It is a solemn, binding, yet challenging relationship.

Often people feel that religious differences between two people who are about to marry may be an obstacle to their happiness.

BRIDE and GROOM disagree.

They believe that all marriages are mixed marriages.

They may differ in the way they spend money or the way they resolve conflicts or in their sleeping patterns.

There is not one couple on this earth that would say that they agree on everything.

Couples, who come together from different religious, cultural, or ethnic backgrounds acknowledge their differences immediately.

They learn skills of negotiation to cope with their differences. And these are the exact skills that are needed in all marriages.

Intercultural couples can be stronger than other couples who share similar backgrounds.

Often couples who share their ethnic, religious, and cultural backgrounds can be lulled into a kind of complacency because their differences may not be so obvious.

The cultural life of an inter-faith married couple can also be more enriched than those who share the same backgrounds.

Diversity keeps life interesting. We can always enjoy the things we share.

It takes special people who can learn to celebrate their differences — special people like the two of you.

BRIDE and GROOM by coming here today, you have now taken the initial step in what hopefully will be a wonderful and lasting life together.

Understand, that a union between two people takes work.
Just as Rome wasn't built in a day, neither is a relationship ever complete. It needs constant nurturing.
A good marriage is one that fosters respect, a devoted love, and a willingness to make sacrifices for each other.
These are the foundation blocks of a newly formed union.
Symbolically you have been brought together as one, yet are still two separate entities with unique ideas, talents and ways of being.
Respect and value those differences, and your relationship will flourish.

BRIDE and GROOM, as you stand here in the presence of God and these witnesses, I remind you, that love, loyalty and trust are the basis of a mature and fulfilling relationship. Marriage is a serious undertaking; it is intended to bind your lives together forever and is not to be taken lightly.
Your engagement set into motion the interweaving of your lives – and we hope that you will continue to grow closer throughout your years together.
None of us knows what the future will bring.
Yet your love for one another, and trust in the strength of your union makes possible the act of faith you are making today.
As you exchange the vows, which will start you on your journey together, know that our love and support go with you.
As you make your promises to each other, we will remember promises we too have made and take this opportunity to make new our own.

This is a new beginning for both of you and I'd like to offer some gentle reminders to ease your life-long task of living and growing together.
Be kind to each other.
And, when you disagree, do it respectfully.
Be gentle and forgiving with each other.
When you forgive, your hearts make room for a little more love, a little more understanding and a little more compassion.
Communicate with each other. Share the joy that's in your heart and the sorrow that burdens your soul.
Open your hearts to each other and find the love.

A Holy Union between two people is a beautiful thing indeed. Something to be thankful for and something to never take for granted.
Each morning when you awaken give thanks for the gift that you have been given in each other and for your willingness to receive it.
A Holy Union is a sacred trust given to you by God. God says, "Here. Here is my beloved Child, and I am entrusting YOU with their care.
I am entrusting you to love them, honour them, support them, cherish them, and hold their hand through thick and thin as I cannot do in human form except through you.
You are being asked to serve in this capacity because you are willing, and able, and desiring of it. Let it always remind you that God answers all prayers eventually."

Marriage is not a legal document.
No pastor or priest or justice of the peace can create a marriage because a marriage, truly, is nothing except the promises made and kept by two individuals.
Today BRIDE and GROOM, your wedding day, is one brief day in time, and although your vows are spoken in a matter of minutes, they are promises that will last a lifetime.

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Today bride and groom stand before us to publicly declare their love and to share with us their marriage promises.

Today, your wedding day, is one brief day in time, and although your vows are spoken in a matter of minutes, they are promises that will last a lifetime.

This moment is the anchor that holds your past and your future together.
Tonight you are beginning a journey together that will last the rest of your lives.
And like any journey, there will be amazing experiences on mountaintops, today hopefully being one such experience.
Sometimes you will walk through valleys and have trouble finding your way.
But no matter where you go, and no matter how long the journey is or how difficult, the person beside you will make your journey worthwhile.
And let me just remind you that love and loyalty are the essence of a happy and enduring marriage.
No other human ties are more tender, and certainly none are more sacred than those that you share with each other now.

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These are the words that couples for centuries have spoken to one another and, while they are very simple words, they have extraordinary meaning and importance.
As you speak them to one another, you will discover that these are truly sacred promises, and sacred promises must be kept forever.
I am going to speak these words to you now, and ask that you speak them to each other.

Bride and Groom, life is given to each of us as individuals, and yet we must learn to live together.
Love is given to us by our family or by our friends. We learn to love by being loved.
Learning to love and living together is one of the greatest challenges of life – and is the shared goal of a married life.
You are now taking into your care and keeping the happiness of the one person in all the world whom you love best.
You are adding to your life not only the affection of each other, but also the companionship and blessing of a deep trust as well.
You are agreeing to share strength, responsibilities and to share love.
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Bride and Groom, the vows that you are about to exchange serve as a verbal representation of the love you have promised to each other.
For it is not the words that you speak today which will unite you together as one, but the inner sense of love and commitment that each of you feel within your soul.

BRIDE and GROOM , I counsel you, as husband and wife, to always give respect to one another even when you disagree, to bear with each other's weaknesses, to comfort each other in times of trouble or sorrow, to work with generous hearts to provide for the material needs of each other and the household, and to help one another experience spiritual, mental, emotional and physical comfort.

Your marriage is the coming together of your two souls for the purpose of manifesting your hearts' desires and the truth of your being with one another.
Marriage will bring to you all of the unlimited possibilities of consciously choosing to become all that you desire, giving you the opportunity to become your highest vision of your Self.
This path is not only incredibly challenging but very rewarding as well; it brings to each of you the choices that you want to have for your own growth as well as the wonderful moments of divine blessing that you yearn for in your lives.

Marriage is a path of divine humanness.

It takes great courage and commitment to continue a conscious and loving union with one other.

Through your commitment, the breath of human experience will be born, from the highest of highs to the lowest of lows.

This level of commitment to yourself and each other will open the door to receiving all that you desire, from the conscious to the unconscious.

The very act of joining with each other will increase your potential for self knowledge, joy, fulfilment, peace, and growth a hundred fold because until you have fully committed to each other, the well spring of God's gifts have only a small river in which to flow through you.

Marriage is the union of your souls, a divine process that your essence longs to experience. It is your nature, and the truth of who you are.

By committing to each other, you commit to life more intimately.

You no longer have the luxury of leaving when the going gets tough and the ugliness comes to the surface.

Your lifelong commitment brings to you an opportunity for joy that would be unparalleled for each of you alone.

The joys are that much stronger and the happiness that much richer.

The wisdom is deeper and more developed, and the journey itself fuller and more beautiful.

The path of true marriage is not for the meek.

It requires courage and strength, as well as an open mind and a heart filled with hope and joy.

Through the mirror of each other, marriage teaches you compassion, understanding, trust, commitment, love, gentleness, and patience.

Within your marriage, all things are possible; all dreams, goals, and visions are possible within your Holy Union.

Marriage denies you nothing, and only gives to you that which you truly desire.

Your marriage is the coming together of friends into Union.

It requires you to soften, enjoying the special qualities of your present moments.

It can bring you comfort in times of need, solace when you despair, and safety when you are afraid.

A lifelong, loving marriage brings to you more peace than a life filled with quietude and solitary meditation.

It takes the peace of your connection with God into your relationship and into all that you say, think, and do.

Because you have prayed for every gift available to you, your marriage leaves no stone unturned, enriching your lives beyond your wildest dreams, and making you greater than you ever imagined.

This wedding ceremony is the public recognition of a commitment that BRIDE and GROOM have already made privately in their hearts. But it's also their commitment to all of you who know and love them. By inviting you to bear witness to their vows this day, they have chosen to take you with them on the first step of their journey into marriage.

BRIDE and GROOM know that this wedding is a celebration of the marriage that has already occurred in their hearts, a marriage that will grow, not without challenge and adversity, but with patience, love, and the belief that they have chosen wisely in choosing one another.

Examples of Wedding Vows

Traditional examples

I take you to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish; from this day forward until death do us part.

I, take you to be my husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love and honour you all the days of my life.

I take thee to be my wedded wife/husband, and I do promise and covenant, before these witnesses, to be thy loving and faithful wife; in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live."

"I _____, accept you _____, as my companion and my (wife/husband). I promise to care for you, honour you, and cherish you, for as long as we both shall love."

"I take you to be my spouse, in equal love, as a mirror for my true self, as a partner on my path, to honour and to cherish, in sorrow and in joy, till death do us part."

"I take you as my wedded [wife/husband], to share my life with you, and pledge that I will love, honour, and care for you in tenderness and affection in all the varying circumstances of our lives."

"I, [Name], promise you, [Name], that I will be your [wife/husband] from this day forward, to be faithful and honest in every way, to honour the faith and trust you place in me, to love and respect you in your successes and in your failures, to make you laugh and to be there when you cry, to care for you in sickness and in health, to softly kiss you when you are hurting, and to be your companion and your friend, on this journey that we make together."

"I, (Bride/Groom), take you (Groom/Bride), to be my (wife/husband), to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish; from this day forward until death do us part."

"I, (name), take you, (name), to be my [opt: lawfully wedded] (husband/wife), my constant friend, my faithful partner and my love from this day forward."

"In the presence of our family and friends, I offer you my solemn vow to be your faithful partner in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad, and in joy as well as in sorrow. I promise to love you unconditionally, to support you in your goals, to honour and respect you, to laugh with you and cry with you, and to cherish you for as long as we both shall live."

"I [Name of Bride/Groom], take thee, [Name of Groom/Bride], to be my wedded wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, 'til death do us part, [optional: according to God's ordinance;] and thereto I pledge thee my troth."

I (name), take you (name) to be my (husband/wife), my partner in life and my one true love. I will cherish our union and love you more each day than I did the day before. I will trust you and respect you, laugh with you and cry with you, loving you faithfully through good times and bad, regardless of the obstacles we may face together. I give you my hand, my heart, and my love, from this day forward for as long as we both shall live.

I, (name), take you, (name), to be my friend, my lover, the (mother/father) of my children and my (husband/wife). I will be yours in times of plenty and in times of want, in times of sickness and in times of health, in times of joy and in times of sorrow, in times of failure and in times of triumph. I promise to cherish and respect you, to care and protect you, to comfort and encourage you, and stay with you, for all eternity.

I (name) affirm my love to you, (name) as I invite you to share my life. You are the most beautiful, smart, and generous person I have ever known, and I promise always to respect you. With kindness, unselfishness and trust, I will work by your side to create a wonderful life together. I take you (name) to be my lawful wife/husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health for as long as we both shall live.

Contemporary examples

"I acknowledge my love and respect for you and invite you to share my life as I hope to share yours. I promise always to recognise you as an equal individual and always to be conscious of your development as well as my own. I shall seek through kindness and understanding to achieve with you the life we have envisioned."

"I promise to always be there for you, to shelter and hold your love as the most precious gift in my life. I will be truthful and honour you. I will care for you always and stand by you in times of sorrow and joy."

I pledge to you endless strength that you can count on when you are weak. I'll be your music when you can't hear, your sunshine when you can't see, or your perfume when you can't smell. You'll never need to look further than me. I'll be your days and nights when you need them filled, your spark of life in the darkness, your hope when you're down and out."

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"I, [name], choose you [name] to be my [husband/wife], to respect you in your successes and in your failures, to care for you in sickness and in health, to nurture you, and to grow with you throughout the seasons of life."

"I, (name), take you, (name), to be my partner, loving what I know of you, and trusting what I do not yet know. I eagerly anticipate the chance to grow together, getting to know the (man/woman) you will become, and falling in love a little more each day. I promise to love and cherish you through whatever life may bring us."

"[Name of Bride/Groom], I take you to be my wife/husband from this time onward, to join with you and to share all that is to come, to be your faithful husband/wife, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond; a commitment made in love, kept in faith, and eternally made new."

"I vow you the first cut of my meat, the first sip of my wine,
From this day it shall only your name I cry out in the night
And into your eyes that I smile each morning;
I shall be a shield for you back as you are for mine,
No shall a grievous word be spoken about us,
For our marriage is sacred between us and no stranger shall hear my grievance.
Above and beyond this, I will cherish and honour you through this life
And into the next."

"I love you. You are my best friend.
Today I give myself to you in marriage.
I promise to encourage and inspire you, to laugh with you,
and to comfort you in times of sorrow and struggle.
I promise to love you in good times and in bad,
when life seems easy and when it seems hard,
when our love is simple, and when it is an effort.
I promise to cherish you, and to always hold you in highest regard
These things I give to you today, and all the days of our life."
_____, I choose you to be my wife.
I promise freely from this day forward

To be worthy of your trust and deserving of your confidence;
To be generous with my time, my energy and my love;
To be patient with you and with myself,
To trust you;
To be devoted to you and our life together.
These things I pledge before you, our friends, and our family.

I, _____, take you, _____, to be no other than yourself, in all the ways life may find us, tending you in sickness and rejoicing with you in health, as long as we both shall live to love.

We are today still dizzy with the astonishment of love.
We are surrounded by affection – by smiles and kindness,
by flowers and music and gifts and celebration.
Yet they enclose a silence
where we are close with one another.

My eyes see only you.
I hear nothing but the words we speak to one another
This is the day we start our life together.
This is our new beginning.

Excerpt from 'When I am with you' by Rumi

When I am with you, we stay up all night.
When you're not here, I can't go to sleep.
Praise God for these two insomnias!
And the difference between them.
The minute I heard my first love story
I started looking for you, not knowing
how blind that was.
Lovers don't finally meet somewhere.
They're in each other all along.

I (name) affirm my love to you, (name) as I invite you to share my life. You are the most beautiful, smart, and generous person I have ever known, and I promise always to respect you and love you. With kindness, unselfishness and trust, I will work by your side to create a wonderful life together. I take you (name) to be my lawful (wife/husband), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health for as long as we both shall live.

(Name), from the moment I first saw you, I knew you were the one with whom I wanted to share my life. Your beauty, heart, and mind inspire me to be the best person I can be. I promise to love you for eternity, respecting you, honouring you, being faithful to you, and sharing my life with you. This is my solemn vow.

Name, today I become your (husband/wife) and you become my (wife/husband). I will strive to give you the best of myself, while accepting you the way you are. I promise to respect you as a whole person with your own interests, desires, and needs, and to realise that those are sometimes different, but no less important than my own. I promise to keep myself open to you, to let you in to my innermost fears and feelings, secrets and dreams. I promise to grow along with you, to be willing to face change as we both change, keeping our relationship alive and exciting. And finally, I promise to love you in good times and in bad, with all I have to give and all that I am, in the only way I know how -- completely and forever.

(Name), today I take you for my (wife/husband). I promise to love you without reservation, comfort you in times of distress, encourage you to achieve all of your goals, laugh with you and cry with you, grow with you in mind, and spirit, always be open and honest with you, and cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

(Name), today I take you to be my (husband/wife). Together we will create a home, becoming a part of one another. I vow to help create a life that we can cherish, inspiring your love for me and mine for you. I vow to be honest, caring and truthful, to love you as you are and not as I want you to be, and to grow old by your side as your love and best friend.

I, (name), take you, (name), to be my [opt: lawfully wedded] (husband/wife), my constant friend, my faithful partner and my love from this day forward. In the presence of God, our family and friends, I offer you my solemn vow to be your faithful partner in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad, and in joy as well as in sorrow. I promise to love you unconditionally, to support you in your goals, to honour and respect you, to laugh with you and cry with you, and to cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

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I, (name), take you, (name), to be my partner, loving what I know of you, and trusting what I do not yet know. I eagerly anticipate the chance to grow together, getting to know the (man/woman) you will become, and falling in love a little more every day. I promise to love and cherish you through whatever life may bring us.

(Name), I love you. You are my best friend. Today I give myself to you in marriage. I promise to encourage and inspire you, to laugh with you, and to comfort you in times of sorrow and struggle. I promise to love you in good times and in bad, when life seems easy and when it seems hard, when our love is simple, and when it is an effort. I promise to cherish you, and to always hold you in highest regard. These things I give to you today, and all the days of our life.

(Name), I promise to love and care for you and I will try in every way to be worthy of your love. I will always be honest with you, kind, patient, and forgiving. But most of all, I promise to be a true and loyal friend to you. I love you.

I (name), take you (name), to be my wife/husband, to share the good times and hard times side by side. I humbly give you my hand and my heart as I pledge my faith and love to you. Just as this ring I give you today is a circle without end, my love for you is eternal. Just as it is made of incorruptible substance, my commitment to you will never fail. With this ring, I thee wed."

(Name), with all my love, I take you to be my wife/husband. I will love you through good and the bad, through joy and the sorrow. I will try to be understanding, and to trust in you completely. Together we will face all of life's experiences and share one another's dreams and goals. I promise I will be your equal partner in an loving, honest relationship, for as long as we both shall live.

(Name), I promise to love you, to be your best friend, to respect and support you, to be patient with you, to work together with you to achieve our goals, to accept you unconditionally, and to share life with you throughout the years.

(Name), I take you to be my wife/husband from this time onward, to join with you and to share all that is to come, to be your faithful husband/wife, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond; a commitment made in love, kept in faith, and eternally made new.

I (Name) pledge my undying love to you (Name) as I invite you to share my life. I promise to be kind, unselfish, respectful, and trustworthy so that together, our dreams of a beautiful future can come true. To this end I call upon all present to witness that I take you (Name) to be my (husband/wife/spouse), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health for as long as we both shall live.

I (Name), take you, (Name) to be my (husband/wife/spouse). I promise to respect and support you, to be patient and loving towards you, to work by your side to achieve the things we value and dream of, and to savor our time together. I pledge to you all of these things from the bottom of my heart for the rest of our lives.

I (Name), take you (Name) to be my (husband/wife/spouse), to share both good times and bad times, side by side. I give you my hand, and my heart, and hope that my love will always be a safe haven for you. Just as this circle is without end, my love for you is eternal. Just as it is made of a permanent metal, my commitment to you is forever. With this ring, I thee wed.

(Name), today I take you for my (husband/wife/spouse). Now we will feel no rain, for each of us will be shelter for the other. Now there will be no loneliness, for each of us will be companion to the other. There is only one life before us, and our seasons will be good and long. I promise to love, honour, and cherish you, no matter what lies before us, for as long as we both shall live.

(Name), I take you to be my (husband/wife/spouse), from this point forward, to join with you and to share all that is to come, to be your faithful (husband/wife/spouse), to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond. This will be a commitment made in love, kept in faith, and eternally made new.

I take you to be my partner for life. I promise above all else to live in truth with you. And to communicate fully and fearlessly, I give you my hand and my heart. As a sanctuary of warmth and peace. And pledge my love, devotion, faith and honour. As I join my life to yours.

I promise you my love and my partnership for life. I am honoured by your choice, which has us here in front of one another. I pledge to embrace your history, your family and your friends as I do my own. I promise to be tender with you when you're troubled, laugh with you when you're funny, and conspire with you when you're mischievous. I do and will respect you as an individual, my partner and my equal. I will support you and accept your support. I will encourage you and feed your dreams. I will celebrate your triumphs and mourn your losses as though they were my own. You are my best friend, and I will love you always.

Before our friends and those so special to us here, on this wonderful day of gladness and good fortune, I take you as my wife, in friendship and in love, in strength and weakness, to share the good times and misfortune, in achievement and failure, to celebrate life with you forevermore.

I take you to be my wife/husband. To share the good times and hard times side by side as husband and wife. I humbly give you my hand and my heart as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, and pledge my faith and love to you.

I take you to be my lawfully wedded husband. Before these witnesses I vow to love you and care for you as long as we both shall live. I take you with all your faults and your strengths as I offer myself to you with my faults and strengths. I will help you when you need help, and I will turn to you when I need help. I choose you as the person with whom I will spend my life.

Today I join with you. My aim is not to change you, but rather to grow with you. I bring a stronger heart to this choice than I have brought to any other. But I sense that it will grow stronger still with days lived along side you. Stay with me. Learn with me. Live by my side. I will do the same faithfully and joyously. I will base my life with you on love and caring. I will be considerate of your wishes and desires, and respect your integrity and intentions. I will support your dreams and goals, and strive to keep our lives with laughter and joy. Where there are troubles, I will stand with you. I bring to you the very best person that I can be, now and forever. Having found you I have decided that there is no moment in my life more significant than this one. The moment I offer myself and all that I will become to you. May we share with each other, from this day on, the unending joy of growth and discovery.

I love you. You are my best friend. Today I give myself to you in marriage. I promise to encourage and inspire you, to laugh with you, and to comfort you in times of sorrow and struggle. I promise to love you in good times and in bad, when life seems easy and when it seems hard, when our love is simple, and when it is an effort. I promise to cherish you, and to always hold you in highest regard. These things I give to you today, and all the days of our life.

Let us be grateful for the capacity to see, feel, hear, and understand. Let us be grateful for this incredible gift of life. Let us be especially grateful for the ties of love which bind us together, giving dignity, meaning, worth, and joy to all our days. This is indeed a day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice in it and be glad, and let us count our many blessings.

On this special day, I give to you, in the presence of all these witnesses, my promise to stay by your side, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, as well as through the good times and the bad. I promise to love you without reservation, comfort you in times of distress, encourage you to achieve all of your goals, laugh with you and cry with you, grow with you in mind and spirit, always be open and honest with you, and cherish you, for as long as we both shall live.

I offer you my Love. I offer you my strength. I offer you my weaknesses. I offer you my support. I offer you my loyalty. I offer you my faith, for as long as we both shall live.

I promise to always be patient, honest, and compassionate with you. I will be your best friend, your sweetheart, your helpmate throughout life, always putting you first above my own needs. I promise to live a life that will honour the vows we have spoken, and make you glad to have married me this day.

I take you to be my lifetime partner, secure in the knowledge that you will be my constant friend, and my one true love.

I promise to love you with all my heart and mind and strength. I vow to be your best friend and do everything in my power to make you as happy as I am today. I will trust you with my dreams and support you in fulfilling your dreams. I don't know what challenges lie ahead but I know that we will face them together.

All that I am, I give to you, All that I have, I share with you, I will stand by you and support you, whatever the future may hold. I promise to love you for the rest of my life.

Our choice is made. Our minds are clear and our hearts strong. This love means more to us than anything else in life. There is no person, precondition, or approval I value more than your love. There is no obstacle I would not overcome to reach you. I give myself to our union. I welcome you as my partner in life. May our love forever keep us strong.

We are joining here today because we love, respect, and honour each other. And because we are committed to sharing equally in both the triumphs and trials of the days to come. I take you as my partner. I offer all that I am in return, and pledge to remember, over every day of our partnership, why we unite here today. Join me in celebrating our love.

When you need strength, I will offer mine. When you need words of encouragement, I will listen and provide support. When you need solace and comfort and the silent speech of love, I will understand. I place you in my heart today, before all others, and I pledge to work from this hour forward to make our commitment a sound and challenging one.

You have captured my mind and soul, and I here commit them to our union. From this hour, may we surrender to one another, completely rejoicing in the power of our new partnership, secure in our own identities, and certain in our bond. May we dare to dream dreams not yet dreamt. May we find constant reward and challenge as we pursue the ongoing adventure of learning who we are and where we want to go. May we always have a special sense of our mission in life together, and may we never tire of the endless possibilities of exploring our shared existence.

I, take you as my husband, I promise to love and cherish you, to respect, trust and care for you, be faithful to you and help you in any way I can for all the days of our lives. May our love and commitment continue to bathe and support each other, may our dreams and passions flow with strength and vitality, and may our friendship deepen so it can withstand anything the world throws at us. I accept you as you are, now and in the future, and I promise to share my life, thoughts and dreams with you.

I, take you as my wife, I promise to love and cherish you, protect you, to look after your heart, head and soul, to respect, trust and care for you everyday. If you will marry me I will walk by your side for the rest of my days and do everything I can to fill your life with joy. May our love deepen like the roots of a tree, may the branches of our friendship strengthen to protect us from what the world throws at us, and the trunk of our commitment hold strong in the wildest storm. I will accept you as you are, now and in the future, and I promise to share my life, thoughts and dreams with you as long as we both shall live. Together we will have a life full of love, laughter and friendship.

I take you to be my partner in marriage and in life. All that I am and all that I have, I give to you with love and sincerity. I promise to love and comfort you, care for you, respect you, be faithful to you, and prize you above all others for the rest of my life.

I take you to be my husband, from this day forward. I will love and honour you, stand by you and walk with you down all the paths of life, wherever they may lead. I vow to be a caring and devoted mother to our children and to be faithful and true to you until the end of time.

I call upon those here today to witness that I take you as my wife, to have and to hold, to love and to cherish, to honour and to nurture, as lover, companion, and mother of our children. I promise you my never-ending love and fidelity.

I take you to be my husband. I give my whole self to you, holding nothing back, promising you my love, devotion and faithfulness. I vow to love and cherish you every day of our lives.

As we stand beside the ocean today, may our love be as continuous and unchanging as the tides, flowing endlessly from the depths. Just as the waves lap against the shore, so your love came into my heart. Just as the waves will continue to rise and swell for all eternity, so will my love for you continue. Today I promise to be your loving wife/husband as constant and dependable as the tide.

Here we stand together in this garden, amongst the beauty of nature's creation. I pledge my love and commitment to you. Like the flowers, and the trees, our love will continue to grow and bloom, becoming stronger and more beautiful as each day passes. Like the saplings, that stretch their branches up towards the sun, so will we constantly strive to fulfil the promises that we have made here today. Just as this garden will continue to live, grow and flourish, so may our love thrive.

As we stand beside the ocean tide,
may our love always be as constant and unchanging
as these never-ending waves that pour beneath our feet,

flowing endlessly from the depths of the sea;
your love came softly upon my heart,
just as the foam comes softly upon the sand, and
just as there will never be a morning without the ocean's flow,
so there will never be a day without my love for you.
I pledge myself to you this day.
Our love will be as unchanging and dependable as the tide;
as these waters nourish the earth and sustain life,
may my constant devotion nourish and
sustain you until the end of time.

Religious examples

In the presence of God and these our friends I take thee to be my husband/wife, promising with Divine assistance to be unto thee a loving and faithful husband/wife so long as we both shall live. [See more Christian wedding vows](#)

On this special day, I give to you in the presence of God and all these witnesses my pledge to stay by your side, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, as well as through the good times and the bad.

(Name), I love you. I want to be your husband/wife so that we might serve Christ together. Through all of the uncertainties and trials of life, I promise to be faithful to you and love you, so that together we may grow in the likeness of Christ and that our home may be a praise to Him.

In the name of God, I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my (husband/wife/spouse), to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

I, (Name), take you (Name), to be my (husband/wife/spouse), my constant friend, my faithful partner in life, and my one true love. On this special [opt: and holy] day, I (affirm/reaffirm/give) to you in the presence of God and (all those in attendance/these witnesses) my (pledge/sacred promise) to stay by your side as your [opt: faithful] wife in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, as well as through the good times and the bad. I (promise/further promise) to love you without reservation, comfort you in times of distress, encourage you to achieve (higher/all of your) goals, laugh with you and cry with you, grow with you in mind and spirit, always be open and honest with you, and cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

In the name of God, I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my (husband/wife/spouse) to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

God in heaven above please protect the ones we love. We honour all you created as we pledge our hearts and lives together. We honour Mother Earth and ask for our marriage to be abundant and grow stronger through the seasons. We honour fire and ask that our union be warm and glowing with love in our hearts. We honour wind and ask that we sail through life safe and calm as in our father's arms. We honour water to clean and soothe our relationship -- that it may never thirst for love. With all the forces of the universe you created, we pray for harmony as we grow forever young together.

After both have said individual vows, they may wish to say something in unison such as:
Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you, For where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. And where you die, I will die and there I will be buried. May the Lord do with me and more if anything but death parts you from me. This is a traditional Jewish text from the book of Ruth.