

Wedding Vows

Wedding Promises

The Marriage Vows are the portion of the ceremony where you speak aloud your commitment to each other in marriage. Sometimes couples wish to write their "own" vows. However, it is always helpful to hear what others have done. The following are the most common "Vows" offered at weddings. If you choose to write your own, you will want to start at least 6 weeks before your wedding and consult with the pastor performing your wedding ceremony.

Traditional Vows

Groom: I, *name* take you *bride's name* to be my wedded wife, 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, till death us do part, according to God's holy will; and I pledge you my faithfulness.

Bride: I, *name* take you *groom's name* to be my wedded 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, till death us do part, according to God's holy will; and I pledge you my faithfulness.

Other Contemporary Options:

#1

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 give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond, and in all circumstances of our life together to be loyal to you with my whole life and with all my being.

#2

I take you, *name*, to be my wife/husband, I promise before God and these witnesses to be your faithful wife/husband, to share with you in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, to forgive and strengthen you and to join with you so that together we may serve God and others as long as we both shall live.

#3

I take you, *name*, to be my wife/husband, and these things I promise you: I will be faithful to you and honest with you; I will respect, trust, help, and care for you; I will share my life with you; I will forgive you as we have been forgiven; and I will try with you better to understand ourselves, the world, and God; through the best and the worst of what is to come as long as we live.

#4

I love you, *Name*, and want you to be my wife. I promise before God, our family and friends to be a Spirit-filled husband to you, and to assist you in the spiritual growth of our home. I will stand by you in sickness and in health, through poverty and plenty, joy and sorrow, now and forever. All that I am and have I give to you.

#5

(speak name of husband/wife to be), today I give myself to you as your husband/wife. I have nothing to offer but my hopes for us, my dreams for our future, my strength to invest in our marriage, my all. Today I give you the heart and soul of who I am, not because I think I will lose who I am, but because I know I can be more truly myself with you than without you.

#6

(speak name of husband/wife to be), I take you as my wife/husband. I pledge to share my life openly with you, to speak the truth to you in love. I promise to honor and tenderly care for you, to cherish you and encourage your fulfillment as an individual through the changes of our lives. To this I pledge you my solemn vow before God.

#7

(speak name of husband/wife to be), God has brought us together as surely as God brought into being our very world and universe. I promise to love you alone, selflessly and earnestly. I promise to stand beside you during the good and the bad, and to help you create a home with Christ at its center, bringing glory to God as we bring our love to each other.

#8

Groom: N., today we have come to this place of worship to bear witness to the union of Christ and his church. I promise to take the leadership of the home as your husband. I promise to provide the spiritual guidance we will need to make Christ the center of our home. And I promise, as the apostle Paul admonishes, to love you faithfully as my wife, even as Christ himself loved the church, giving himself for it, so long as we both shall live, or until Jesus comes again.

Bride: N., I, too, come to this house of worship to bear witness to the mystery of Christ's union with his Church. I promise to acknowledge your headship in our home and to reverence you as my husband, even as the Church acknowledges Christ as its head. As the church gives itself to the authority of Christ, so I give myself to you as your wife, so long as we both shall live, or until Jesus comes again.

#9

(The Minister may tie a ribbon around the hands of the bride and groom.)

Groom: N., even as our hands are joined, so today our lives are joined. I join you as your husband, and you join me as my wife. We come together in the bond of love, to hold each other, to caress each other, to support each other, and to love each other. I pledge to keep my hands joined to yours as we journey through life together.

Bride: N., even as our hands are joined, so today our lives are joined. I join you as your wife, and you join me as my husband. We come together in the bond of love, to hold each other, to caress each other, to support each other, and to love each other. I give you my pledge to keep my hands joined to yours as we journey through life together.

#10

Groom: In the name of God, I, N., take you, N., to be my wife. I offer you my strength and my support. I pledge my loyalty and faith. I offer my hope. I will trust, respect and encourage you. I give you my love in all the circumstances of life, as long as we both shall live.

Bride: In the name of God, I, N., take you, N., to be my husband. I offer you my strength and my support. I pledge my loyalty and faith. I offer my hope. I will trust, respect and encourage you. I give you my love in all the circumstances of life, as long as we both shall live.

#11

Groom: N., I love you, and I love God who has brought us together. I truly believe our marriage is made in heaven, and that today, the angels rejoice! As I look forward to the home we shall build together, I see not so much a place as a space — a space where the love and joy of the Holy Spirit will dwell, a space where we have the freedom to grow in the Lord, a space where which we have mutual respect for each other. I pledge to endeavor to be all that God wants me to be as a husband, and to live with you faithfully for the rest of my days.

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