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# WEDDING SAMPLE VOWS



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# CRAFTING YOUR WEDDING VOWS

Wedding vows are the most important part of a wedding ceremony and a marriage is not complete without exchanging vows. They're more than just words. They're promises that hopefully both parties stick to throughout the marriage. A heartfelt exchange of vows has a lasting impact on the lives of each couple.

I created this eBook to help couples craft their wedding vows and to take the stress out of having to reinvent the wheel when it comes to writing vows. Most couples read over the assortment of choices below and choose a complete vow as it is written or copy and paste sentences they like together to create their own unique vows.



## WRITING YOUR OWN VOWS

I don't encourage writing your own vows unless you really have a deep desire to do so. Why? Because you already have enough stress to deal with in planning all the other elements of your wedding. But, if you really want to write your own vows then I look forward to helping you craft some amazing vows. My wife and I wrote our own vows and it was a meaningful experience and a moving part of our ceremony.



As one Wedding Officiant said, “Penning your own wedding vows is like writing poetry, public speaking and having the deepest conversation of your life all at once.” Still want to pen your own vows? If so, then let’s get busy.



## TIPS FOR WRITING YOUR VOWS

*Below are 12 Tips for Writing Your Own Vows to help you discover your inner Wordsworth:*

## **TIP #1: BEGIN EARLY**

Don't wait until the last minute to write your wedding vows! Preferably plan a few months out from your wedding date, but at least a month out. Vow writing should be done in a relaxed, not rushed, state of mind. Set a goal for when you'd like to complete your vows by and stick to your goal. I encourage having your vows done at least a few days before your wedding so that you have time to practice them and to relieve stress.

## **TIP #2: LOOK TO THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE YOU**

Seek out vows of real couples from real weddings and start looking them over to see which ones you like. Below are a number of vows from couples I've married, not just online vows. If you practice a certain faith, you may want to look to vows from other couples who share your same faith. At this point you're just trying to get some good ideas from other couples who have been down the road before so you don't have to reinvent the wheel.

## **TIP #3: SPEAK FROM YOUR HEART**

*"I think you're going to hear crickets"* (A quote from the movie *"The Wedding Crashers"* when the maid of honor tried to be humorous when toasting the couple at the expense of the bride and groom). You don't want to hear crickets when you say your vows to each other, so speak from your heart. Decide on the overall tone you want to convey. Do you want your vows to be poetic, romantic, humorous, spiritual or serious? My wife and I decided to make our vows both romantic and serious with a touch of spiritual. I like humor but it needs to be done well if you're going to incorporate it into your vows. I don't think the reciting of your vows is a time for stand-up comedy. But little jokes that are unique to the bride and groom can be tasteful and funny.

For example, *"I promise to love you, respect you, cherish you and always watch Raider football games with you!"* - Spoken by a bride who shared her groom's love for the Oakland Raiders.

## **TIP # 4: DECIDE ON YOUR STYLE**

Do you want your vows to be traditional in nature or contemporary? Or do you want a combination of both? One thing I suggest for couples who write their own vows is to add what I call, "A traditional tag." For example, the couple may say something like, *"In your eyes, I have found my home. In your heart, I have found my love. In your soul, I have found my soul mate."*

Then after they recite their contemporary vows to one another I say, “Now John, do you take Judy, to be your lawfully wedded 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 you part? If so, answer, I do.”

## **TIP #5: FIGURE OUT YOUR GAME PLAN**

Make sure you and your fiancé are both on the same page. Are you each going to write your vows separately, or will you write them together? Will they be a surprise on your wedding day? I don't encourage this as it can be very emotional but some people want to tap into that emotion and that's fine if the couple is in agreement. If you write your vows separately, I encourage you to run them by each other before your wedding. Will the vows be the same for each of you or will the vows be different for the bride and groom? I request couples send me (as the officiant) a copy of their vows just as a backup plan. How will you communicate your vows? Will you read them to each other or will you repeat what the officiant says? Will you read them from an index card or off an iPad?

And by the way, don't make your vows too long. Aim for about one minute or so for each person - it's longer than it sounds!

## **TIP #6: GO OUT ON A VOW DATE**

When it's time to come up with the actual content of your vows, go out to dinner to brainstorm. Talk about your relationship and what marriage means to each of you. Discuss what you expect from each other and the relationship. What are you most looking forward to about married life? Why did you decide to get married? What is it about this person that makes you want to spend the rest of your life with them? What hard times have you gone through together? What have you supported each other through? What challenges do you envision in your future? What do you want to accomplish together? Answering these questions help you come up with phrases and stories that you can incorporate into crafting your own vows.

## **TIP # 7: GET ALONE FOR SOME REFLECTION TIME**

After chatting with your future spouse, take some self-reflection time alone to think about how you feel about your fiancé. What did you think when you first saw them? When did you realize you were in love? What quality do you most admire in them? How has your life gotten better since meeting your future mate? What about them inspires you? What do you miss most about them when you're apart? You may be surprised how these answers may lead you to the perfect words.

## **TIP #8: BORROW FROM OTHER GREAT WRITERS**

Borrow freely from poetry, books, religious and spiritual texts, even from romantic movies.

Write down words and phrases that capture your feelings. Widely recognized works ring true for a reason. I've found that the Bible has some of the best quotes I've ever heard. For example, the wise King Solomon penned these words in Proverbs 5:18-19: *"Rejoice in the wife of your youth. She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you at all times. Be exhilarated always with her love."*

Based on the last phrase in the second verse, I said to Carrie, *"I am captivated by your beauty, refreshed by your genuineness and encouraged by your love for me."* My wife is a beautiful woman and a very authentic person. No pretense with her. She wears her emotions on her sleeves – what you see is what you get so I wanted to include this wonderful character quality in my vow to her. At the end of the vow I said, *"I will always be exhilarated with your love."*

Your vows should reflect your beliefs, values and desires as a couple. Some of you will want to be covert in including your spiritual values while others of you will want to be more overt. Some couples do not want anything spiritual or religious in their vows to one another or in the ceremony itself. I respect each couples wishes. I provide my couples with various readings for their weddings from all different sources, from Shakespeare to Solomon.

## **TIP #9: CREATE AN OUTLINE**

An outline can get you started by helping to establish a structure. For example, plan to first talk about how great your fiancé is and then about how you work together as a couple; pause to quote your favorite writer and then go into your commitments to each other. You may want to share why you chose to marry your fiancé, reasons why you love your fiancé and promises you intend to keep to your fiancé.

## **TIP #10 GET SOME FEEDBACK**

Get some objective feedback from others. Run your vows by some of your trusted friends and get their input. Listen to others constructive criticism of your vows to make them even better. I also read my vows to my mom because she was a English major in college and I wanted to make sure they were grammatically correct.

## **TIP #11: REMEMBER YOUR AUDIENCE**

Don't make your vows so personal that they're obscure, mysterious or embarrassing! You've invited your family and friends to witness your vows in order to make your bond public, so be sure everyone feels included in the moment. That means putting a limit on inside jokes, deeply personal anecdotes and obscure nicknames or code words. That also means being sensitive to the different religions and faiths represented in your your audience.

## **TIP #12: PRACTICE YOUR VOWS OUT LOUD**

These are words meant to be heard by a live audience, so check that they sound good when spoken. When you write you write for the eyes to read. When you speak you speak for the ears to hear. Speak your vows out loud to make sure they flow easily. Rehearse your vows in front of the mirror a few times – seriously! Beware of tongue twisters and super long sentences. Go slow when you say your vows to one another, you do not want to get out of breath or stumble. And remember speak up so that everyone can hear you! There is nothing worse than attending a wedding and not being able to hear the couple when they say their VOWS.

Remember, your vows are the most important element of your ceremony. The key to crafting the perfect wedding is to just take it one word at a time.

In summary, get at the heart of what marrying this person means to you; pick the most important points and make communicate them well. And lastly, remember to have FUN!





# Below are the vows my wife and I said to each other on our wedding day:

## Dave to Carrie:

“Carrie, my love, I have prayed my entire life that God would send me the right person to marry. He has given me the desire of my heart in you. I am captivated by your beauty, refreshed by your genuineness and encouraged by your love for me. You mean more to me than anything else in this world. I will seek to love you sacrificially, as Christ loved the church. I will seek to understand you and listen to your innermost thoughts. I will protect you and provide security for you. I will encourage and support you in the interests and goals that you have. I will honor, respect and adore you. You alone will be my desire as I forsake all others. I will always be exhilarated with your love. Carrie, I commit my entire being and covenant my love, representing my life, promising to remain committed to you, along side of you, as long as I shall live on this earth.”

## Carrie to Dave:

“Dave, I love you so much! I’m committing everything I have and everything I am to God first and then to you. You are my greatest joy! You’ve become my best friend lovingly designed by our Heavenly Father. He knew from the very beginning that Dave Page would be the man I would eventually marry. You are the unique person who meets my special needs and adds to my life things that were missing, bringing out the absolute best in me that only you and your closeness to God could bring out. Our love has that perfect completeness I hoped and prayed for, a special love that is from the Lord. He promises to go before us and through his special power, hold us together. Dave, I’m confident we will last a lifetime as husband and wife and I will love, support, encourage, challenge and cherish you throughout that lifetime.”

# SAMPLE WEDDING VOWS

I, (name), take you (name), to be my lawfully wedded (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. (Option: For as long as we both shall live).

I, (name), do take thee (name), to be my lawfully wedded (husband/wife), to have to hold, in sickness and in health, in poverty and in wealth, so long as we both shall live. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I, (name), take you, (name), to be my 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 honor 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), 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. 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.

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), 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.

(Name), do you take (name), to be your wedded husband/wife, to live together in marriage. Do you promise to love, comfort, honor and keep (him/her), For better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health? And forsaking all others, be faithful only to (him/her) so long as you both shall live? If so, please say, "I do."

I vow to be there for you always;  
when you fall, I will catch you;  
when you cry, I will comfort you;  
when you laugh, I will share your joy.  
Everything I am and everything I have is yours,  
from this moment forth and for eternity.

I promise I will forever love you unconditionally.  
I promise I will catch you every time you fall.  
I promise I will forever honor you and respect you.  
I promise I will comfort you in times of sorrow.  
I promise you will forever have my heart.

In your eyes, I have found my home.  
In your heart, I have found my love.  
In your soul, I have found my mate.  
With you, I am whole, full, alive.  
You make me laugh. You let me cry.  
You are my breath, my every heartbeat.  
I am yours.  
You are mine.  
Of this we are certain.  
You are lodged in my heart.  
The small key is lost.  
You must stay there forever.

You are my inspiration and my soul's fire.  
You are the magic of my days.  
You help me laugh, you teach me love.  
You provide a safe place for me, unlike I've ever known.  
You free me to sing my own song.  
You are more of an amazement to me, each day I rediscover you.  
You are my greatest boon.  
I am yours.  
You are mine.  
Of this we are certain.  
You are lodged in my heart.  
The small key is lost.  
You must stay there forever.

On this day,  
I give you my heart,  
My promise,  
That I will walk with you,  
Hand in hand,  
Wherever our journey leads us,  
Living, learning, loving,  
Together,  
Forever.  
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.  
I promise to try to be on time.  
But most of all, I promise to be a true and loyal friend to you.  
I love you.

You are my lover and my teacher,  
You are my model and my accomplice,  
And you are my true counterpart.  
I will love you, hold you and honor you,  
I will respect you, encourage you and cherish you,  
In health and sickness,  
Through sorrow and success,  
For all the days of my life.

I promise to be your lover, companion and friend,  
Your partner in parenthood,  
Your ally in conflict,  
Your greatest fan and your toughest adversary.  
Your comrade in adventure,  
Your student and your teacher,  
Your consolation in disappointment,  
Your accomplice in mischief.  
This is my sacred vow to you, my equal in all things.  
All things.

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 honor  
As I join my life to yours.

I believe in you, the person you will grow to be and the couple we will be together.  
With my whole heart, I take you as my wife/husband, acknowledging and accepting your faults and strengths, as you do mine.

I promise to be faithful and supportive and to always make our family's love and happiness my priority. I will be yours in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, in failure and in triumph. I will dream with you, celebrate with you and walk beside you through whatever our lives may bring. You are my person—my love and my life, today and always.

I promise to encourage your compassion,  
Because that is what makes you unique and wonderful.

I promise to nurture your dreams,  
Because through them your soul shines.

I promise to help shoulder our challenges,  
For there is nothing we cannot face if we stand together.

I promise to be your partner in all things,  
Not possessing you, but working with you as a part of the whole.

Lastly, I promise to you perfect love and perfect trust,  
For one lifetime with you could never be enough.

This is my sacred vow to you, my equal in all things.

You have been my best friend, mentor, playmate, confidant and my greatest challenge. But most importantly, you are the love of my life and you make me happier than I could ever imagine and more loved than I ever thought possible. You have made me a better person, as our love for one another is reflected in the way I live my life. So I am truly blessed to be a part of your life, which as of today becomes our life together.

I promise to encourage, support, and believe in you.

I promise to speak to you and about you with kindness and compassion.

I promise to love myself as much as I love you and to never expect you to complete me.

I promise to respect your boundaries, and I expect the same in return.

I promise to never intentionally hurt you, and I expect the same in return.

I promise to listen with an open mind and an open heart.

I promise to allow you to be your best self and to step back if I interfere with your well-being.

I promise to be a safe space for your secrets and vulnerabilities.

I promise to forgive you for who you are, and to forgive myself for my flaws.

I promise to honor your dreams and fears and to understand who you are, right in this moment (Not who I want you to be or how I expect you to change).



I promise to have patience through the dark times.

I promise to make time for you.

I promise to never keep score.

I promise to choose love, even when it doesn't feel like an option.

I promise to be honest about the health of our marriage, and to always hold love and kindness for you in my heart.

I remember once how I told you I did not believe in soul mates. I will never forget your reaction. Shocked and a little hurt that I did not think we were. But as time went by, your love made me believe. You know me better than anyone else in this world and somehow still you manage to love me. You are my best friend and one true love. There is still a part of me today that cannot believe that I'm the one who gets to marry you.

Because of you, I laugh, I smile, I dare to dream again.

I look forward with great joy to spending the rest of my life with you,  
caring for you, nurturing you, being there for you in all life has for us,  
and I vow to be true and faithful for as long as we both shall live.

(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 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.

The sun smiles on us today, our wedding day, and how can it not,  
For our love is stronger than forever and our hearts beat together as one.

I promise to be a true and faithful partner from this day forward,  
In all life's circumstances, as we face them together.

In the joys and sorrows, the good times and bad,

In sickness or in health,

I will always be there for you,  
to comfort you,

love you,  
honor and cherish you,  
Now and forevermore.

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. 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.

I, (name), take you, (name), to be my friend, my lover, the mother/father of my children, and my wife/husband.

I promise to love you unconditionally, to comfort and encourage you, to support your goals, and to always respect you.

I promise to care for and protect you, in times of failure and in times of triumph.

You are the most beautiful, smart and generous person I have ever known.

With kindness, patience and trust I will work by your side to create a wonderful life together. I will be there to laugh with you, cry with you, and cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

(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), as I have given you my hand to hold, so I give you my life to keep. This vow is made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope, and eternally made new. I take you as a gift from God, to be my lifelong companion through tears and laughter, sickness and health, hardship and plenty. I will love you faithfully and constantly, now and forever. I give you my heart and love from this day forward as long as we both shall live.

(Name), I love you unconditionally and without hesitation. Today I choose you to be my (husband/wife). I promise to always be your biggest fan, share your dreams, and support you as you strive to achieve your goals. I will listen to you with compassion and understanding, and speak to you with encouragement. I will always try to live up to the best

parts of myself, and to bring out the best parts of you. I promise to create a home for our children filled with laughter, patience, and love and to always make our family's happiness a priority. I promise to celebrate with you no matter what our lives may bring. You are the love of my life and my best friend. From this day forward I am so excited and so happy to call you my (husband/wife).

(Name), I vow to help you love life, to always hold you with tenderness and to have the patience that love demands, to speak when words are needed and to share the silence when they are not. I vow to fiercely love you in all your forms, to live within the warmth of your heart and always call it home. I promise to never forget that this is a once in a lifetime love.

I believe in you, the person you will grow to be and the couple we will be together. With my whole heart, I take you as my wife/husband, acknowledging and accepting your faults and strengths, as you do mine.

I promise to be faithful and supportive and to always make our family's love and happiness my priority.

I will be yours in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, in failure and in triumph.

I will dream with you, celebrate with you and walk beside you through whatever our lives may bring.

You are my person, my love and my life, today and always.

I promise to encourage your compassion,

Because that is what makes you unique and wonderful.

I promise to nurture your dreams,

Because through them your soul shines.

I promise to help shoulder our challenges,

For there is nothing we cannot face if we stand together.

I promise to be your partner in all things,

Not possessing you, but working with you as a part of the whole.

Lastly, I promise to you perfect love and perfect trust,

For one lifetime with you could never be enough.

This is my sacred vow to you, my equal in all things.

I promise to encourage your individuality,

Because that is what makes you unique and wonderful.

I promise to nurture your dreams,

Because through them your soul shines.

I promise to help shoulder our challenges,

Because through them we'll emerge stronger.

I promise to be your partner in all things,

Not possessing you, but working with you as a part of the whole.

I promise to share with you the joys of life,

Because with you they will be that much sweeter.

Lastly, I promise to you perfect love and perfect trust,

For one lifetime with you could never be enough.

This is my sacred vow to you, my equal in all things.

I, (Name), take you, (name), to be my friend, my lover, the mother/father of my children, and my wife/husband. I promise to love you unconditionally, to comfort and encourage you, to support your goals, and to always respect you. I promise to care for and protect you, in times of failure and in times of triumph. You are the most beautiful, smart and generous person I have ever known. With kindness, patience and trust I will work by your side to create a wonderful life together. I will be there to laugh with you, cry with you, and cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

I look at you and I see my best friend. Your energy and your passion, inspire me in ways I never thought possible. I never thought that I could find someone to love that would love me back unconditionally. I am so lucky to have found that person in you for you are my soul mate. You give me purpose, when I feel I have none. Without you, my soul would be empty, my heart broken, my being incomplete. I am so grateful that you were brought into my life. And I thank you for loving me.

Since the day we met, I always knew you were the one that could look into my eyes and see my true self. I don't question your commitment to us. And I now there's nothing we can't work through. I accept you, as my partner and as my best friend above all others. You make anywhere we are feel like home, it's a wonderful feeling to find the kind of peace and happiness that you've given me. And in honor of that, I promise before our family and friends, to love and cherish you forever.

(Name), before we met I really didn't know that I could feel this way about another person. I always knew that I wanted to get married but had never met anyone who came even close to what I was looking for. Then we met and my life changed forever. You are the most beautiful woman/man I have ever seen, and more than that, you are smart, compassionate, funny, and you laugh at everything I say. You really do make everything in my life better. Its as if something never happened if I can't share it you. I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you, and to build a family with you. I promise to laugh with you every day, to take care of you, and to be someone you can depend on. I promise to be faithful, to protect you, and to love you for the rest of our lives.

(Name), this is a moment I have waited for my entire life. They say that you have to love yourself before someone else can truly love you. But I believe that it was through your eyes, I was able to fully love myself. Thank you for taking me as I am. Thank you for loving me the way you do. Thank you for choosing me to be your wife/husband. You have made me the happiest I have ever been, more loved than I ever thought possible. I love you. You are my best friend and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life hearing your voice in the morning, and your thoughts when I go to bed at night. I promise to encourage you and laugh with you. I promise to comfort you in times of sorrow and struggle. I promise to continually make myself whole, so I can be a better half. I promise to love you in good times and in bad, when life seems easy and when it seems hard, when our love seems simple and when it is an effort. These things I promise you today and all the days of our life.

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.

Today we make a commitment to one another. I want you to know that you are a precious gift and that you bring so much joy into my life. I affirm the special bond between us, and promise to keep it alive always. I promise to be your confidante, your best friend and to share in your hopes and dreams. In recognition of this, I, (name), take you, (name), to be my (wife/husband). With this vow we face new responsibilities together. I will be trustworthy as your wife/husband, and to love you in all circumstances.

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 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 honor 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), 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], 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 every day. I promise to love and cherish you through whatever life may bring us. 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.

(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), will you take (name) to be your wife/husband? Do you commit yourself to her/his happiness and self-fulfillment as a person? Do you promise to love, honor, and trust her/him in sickness and in health, in adversity and prosperity, and to be true and loyal to her/him so long as you both shall live?"

(Name), I promise to be faithful, supportive, and loyal and to give you my companionship and love throughout all the changes of our life. I vow to bring you happiness, and I will treasure you as my companion. I will celebrate the joys of life with you. I promise to support your dreams, and walk beside you offering courage and strength through all endeavors. From this day forward, I will be proud to be your wife/husband and your best friend.

I choose you, (name), to be my wife/husband, as my friend and love. On this day I affirm the relationship we have enjoyed, looking to the future and to keep and strengthen it. I will be yours in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health, in failure and in triumph. Together, we will dream, and live as one while respecting one another, we will stumble but restore each other, we will share all things. I will cherish, comfort, and encourage you, be open with you, and stay with you as long as I shall live.

I, (name), take you (name) for my wedded wife/husband from this day forward, to have and to hold as equal partner in my life, to whom I give my deepest love and devotion. I humbly open my heart to you as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, where you may come and find a refuge of love and strength. I will love you enough to risk being hurt, trust you when I don't understand, weep with you in heartache, and celebrate life with you in joy. I will receive you as my equal throughout all of our days.

Today, (name), I take you to be my wife/husband. I make a commitment to you today: I will love and serve, honor, and protect you. I'm choosing today to spend the rest of my life with you. I will walk with you when life is good, and through every storm. (Name), you are a gift to me from God. I hope others see His heart and love, in the way I care for you. Today, I pledge my love to you."

With this ring, I give you my promise that from this day forward, you shall not walk alone. May my heart be your shelter. And my arms be your home. May God (Spirit) bless you always. May we talk together through all things. May you feel deeply loved, for indeed you are. May you always see your innocence in my eyes. I give you my heart. I have no greater gift to give. I promise I shall always do my best. I feel so honored to call you my husband/wife. I feel so pleased to call you mine. May we feel this joy forever. I thank God (Spirit). I thank you and I love you.

You, (name) and you, (name), having come to me signifying your desire to be formally united in marriage, and being assured that no legal, moral, or religious barriers hinder this proper union, please join your hands and give heed to the questions now asked you.

(Name), in taking the woman whom you hold by the right hand to be your lawful and wedded wife, do you promise to love and cherish her, to honor and sustain her, in sickness as in health, in poverty as in wealth, and to be true to her in all things until death alone shall part you?" Do you so promise?

(Name), in taking the man whom you hold by the right hand to be your lawful and wedded husband, do you promise to love and cherish him, to honor and sustain him, in sickness as in health, in poverty as in wealth, and to be true to him in all things until death alone shall part you?" Do you so promise?

I, t(name) take you, (name), to be no other than yourself. Loving what I know of you, trusting what I do not yet know, I will respect your integrity and have faith in your abiding love for me, through all our years, and in all that life may bring us.

In the presence of God, and before these witnesses, I, {Name}, take you {Name}, to be my wife/husband/wedded partner, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; in joy and in sorrow; as long as we

both shall live. {Name}, I join my life with yours; to laugh with you in joy; to grieve with you in sorrow; to grow with you in love; serving one another and the world in peace and hope; as long as we both shall live. {Name}, I join my life with yours; to laugh with you in joy; to grieve with you in sorrow; to grow with you in love; serving one another and the world in peace and hope; as long as we both shall live.

I, {Name} give myself to you to be your husband/wife/wedded partner. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life. Day by day I promise to love and to honor you, to treasure you and to respect you, to walk with you side by side in joy and sorrow. Day by day I promise to grow with you in truth, to laugh with you, to cry with you, and to love you with all that I am and all that I shall become. This I promise you from the depth of my heart, for all our lives together. Because your love means so much to me, I offer you my heart. As your partner in life, I will share your joys and your sorrows, your laughter and your tears. Through all the changes that life will bring, I promise you this: I will always love you.

(Name), I join you in marriage, to share all of life with you, its responsibilities and freedoms, its tensions and trials, its joys and pleasures, to cherish and to care for you, and with you to follow God's leading for the rest of my life. This is my promise to you.

(Name), I join you in marriage, to share all of life with you, its responsibilities and freedoms, its tensions and trials, its joys and pleasures, to cherish and to care for you, and with you to follow God's leading for the rest of my life. This is my promise to you.

I, {Name}, in love and freedom, choose you {Name}, to be my beloved and my friend in times of peace, in times of trouble, in times of sorrow, and in times of joy. I welcome you as my wife/husband/partner/spouse for all my tomorrows. I,

(Name), in love and freedom, choose you (name), to be my beloved and my friend in times of peace, in times of trouble, in times of sorrow, and in time of joy. I welcome you as my wife/husband for all my tomorrows. {Name}, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you. I will love you and cherish you, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

(Name), all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you. I will love you and cherish you, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

(Name), as I have given you my hand to hold, so I give you my life to keep. This vow is made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope, and eternally made new. (Name), as I have given you my hand to hold, so I give you my life to keep. This vow is made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope, and eternally made new. I take you, as a gift from God, to be my lifelong companion

through tears and laughter, sickness and health, hardship and plenty. I will love you faithfully, constantly and prayerfully, now and forever. Amen

(Name), I give you my promise to be by your side forevermore. I promise to love, to honor, and to listen as you tell me of your thoughts, your hopes, your fears, and your dreams. I promise to love you deeply and truly because it is Your heart that moves me your head that challenges me your humor that delights me, and your hands I wish to hold until the end of my days.

I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wife/husband  
To share all that I am and all that I have,  
For all time to come.  
And I promise to do all in my power to keep my love as deep and as strong as it is today.

I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wife/husband.  
Your love is my anchor.  
Your trust is my strength  
I will give you all my love from now until eternity ends  
You make my life complete.

(Name), as your wife/husband,  
I promise to care for you,  
trust your love,  
be responsive to your needs,  
communicate my feelings,  
and behave in a way that shows my love and respect.  
I say these things because I love you  
and want to live out the days of my life with you.

(Name), I take you to be my wife/husband;  
To share with you the laughter;  
To kiss away the tears;  
And to give you all the love in my heart,  
As long as we both shall live.

I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wife/husband.  
To love you when you drive me crazy.  
To respect you when we disagree.  
To support you if bad times come our way.  
And to always remember how grateful I am  
To have you by my side.

(Name), I take you to be my wife/husband  
To love you with all my heart;  
To share with you all my soul;  
To grow with you through all my days;  
As long as we both shall live.

From this day onward, I choose you (name) to be my wife/husband.  
To live together and laugh together;  
To work by your side and dream in your arms;  
To fill your heart and feed your soul;  
To always seek out the best in you;  
To play with you whenever I can, as we grow old;  
Always loving you with all my heart,  
until the end of our forever.

I choose you (name) to be my wife/husband.  
I have emptied my heart of all others.  
It is only filled with you.  
You're my best friend and my only love  
And I'll cherish you for the rest of my life.

Gentle soul, it is with wonder and joy that I take you to be my cherished wife/husband.  
To join with you and to share with you all that is to come,  
To give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond,  
To continue finding the delight we have discovered in each other's company.  
In all our life together I promise to be loyal,  
to cherish you with my whole being,  
and to see you always through the eyes of love.  
I hold you tenderly in my heart,  
and I entrust myself to your heart,  
on this our sacred wedding day,  
and for all the days to be.

You are a precious gift to me  
my lifeline,  
my soul mate,  
my hope and my joy.  
I cherish you with my mind, body and soul.  
How blessed I am to be able to say that you are mine,  
to be able to love you  
and live with you for the rest of my days.



I vow to be a good wife/husband to you,  
always putting you first in my life,  
always there to comfort you in your sorrow  
and rejoice with you in your victories.  
May our hearts and souls  
become one as we unite this day.

When I was little,  
I always imagined whom I would fall in love with,  
And whom I would marry.  
What qualities that person would have,  
And what that person would be like.  
I asked God to send me this dream of a person.  
But God never did.  
He sent me who He had dreamed of for me;  
Someone of great beauty inside and out.  
Someone of great Intelligence.  
Someone who would love me like no other.  
He sent me someone of greater quality than I had asked.  
And I'm so thankful.  
For He sent me you.  
I love you.

I, (name), take you (name) to be my wife/husband.  
You are my companion in life and my one true love.  
I will treasure our friendship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever.  
I will trust and honor you, I will laugh and cry with you.  
I will love you faithfully  
through the best and the worst  
through the difficult and the easy  
What may come I will always be there  
As I have given you my hands to hold  
So I give you my life to keep.

I vow to love you  
and care for you  
as long as we both shall live.  
I take you,  
with all of your faults and strengths,  
as I offer myself to you

with my faults and strengths.

I will help you when you need help,  
and will turn to you when I need help.

I choose you as the person with whom I will spend my life.

No matter what life brings,

I take you as my friend and love,

beside me and apart from me,

in laughter and tears,

and in conflict and peace.

I ask that you be no other than yourself,

as I love what I know of you

and trust what I do not.

I cherish you,

for being all that you are,

all that you are not,

and all that you can be.

Know that I am here for you,

and that your pain will be mine,

and your joy mine as well.

From this day forward,

I make a promise,

whatever happens,

you shall not walk alone.

I'll stand by your side,

and sleep in your arms,

I'll be the joy in your heart,

and your closest confidant.

May you feel deeply loved,

for indeed you are.

Through our brightest days and our darkest nights,

I take you into my heart.

I commit my life to our friendship and love in marriage.

I promise to comfort you,

to encourage you,

and to support you.

I promise to express my thoughts and emotions to you

and to listen to you in times of joy and in times of sorrow.

I love you,  
and you are my closest friend.  
I vow to share life  
and all that I am with you always.

Today, I join my life to yours.  
From this day on,  
I will be your companion.  
You are my dearest love  
and my best friend.  
I look forward to our separate and shared successes.  
I welcome the challenge of any obstacles we encounter,  
for I know that whatever we face,  
we face it together.  
Because your happiness is vital to me,  
I will help you to grow as an individual.  
Because you deserve no less than my best,  
I will also strive to be more fully myself.  
I pledge that I will listen to you when you speak,  
encourage you in times of doubt,  
comfort you in times of sorrow,  
and be your refuge of strength in times of uncertainty.  
I will be faithful to you all days of my life,  
caring sincerely and thoughtfully for you always,  
and will cherish and adore you every moment of my life.  
This is my solemn vow.

As we go through life together,  
I will be your lover, companion, and friend,  
your ally in conflict and mischief,  
your greatest fan and your toughest adversary,  
your comrade in adventure,  
your student and your teacher,  
your consolation in disappointment,  
your accomplice in mischief,  
your strength in your need and vulnerable to you in my own,  
and most of all,  
your associate in the search for enlightenment.  
When I go to the place in me that is Love.

And you go into that place in you that is Love.  
There we are One.

I promise to love and care for you,  
through times of joy and times of sorrow,  
to rejoice when you are happy,  
and grieve when you suffer.  
I will try to share your interests and hopes for the future.  
Everyday, I pledge to try to understand you,  
even when I do not agree with you.  
I shall do all in my power to help you be your true self,  
the person God calls you to be.  
In all this, I ask God's help,  
now and in the days to come.

From this day on I choose you to be my beloved soul mate,  
to live with you and laugh with you;  
to stand by your side and sleep in your arms;  
to be joy to your heart and food to your soul;  
to bring out the best in you always;  
to be the best I can be, just for you;  
to celebrate with you in the good times;  
to struggle with you in the bad;  
to solace you when you are down-hearted;  
to wipe your tears with my hands;  
to care for you with my entire being;  
to share with you everything that I have;  
as we treat each other with tenderness, compassion and love.

I, (name), choose you, (name), above all others, to share my life.  
I pledge to share my life openly with you, to speak the truth in love  
And to accept your truth, as you share with me.  
I will be your companion and friend in life.  
I will give you respect, understanding,  
And the freedom to grow in your learning and fulfillment.  
I promise to offer you freely from my heart,  
my trust, my devotion, my tenderness, and my love.

I, (name), take you (name), to be my wife/husband

I will cherish our friendship

And love you today, tomorrow and forever

I will trust you and honor you

I will love you faithfully

through the best and the worst

What may come I will always be there

I come into this union

Letting go of my deepest fears

And embracing all my faith

And if I doubt

I will remember this time

And why we came together this day

As I have given you my hands to hold

So I give you my life to keep.

As I have come of my own free will, I promise to love and respect you, laugh with you, share my life openly and honestly with you, support you in times of sadness, and share your joy in times of triumph. I also promise to honor and cherish you all the days of our lives.

I promise to give you the best of myself and to ask of you no more than you can give.

I promise to respect you as your own person and to realize that your interests, desires and needs are no less important than my own.

I promise to share with you my time and my attention and to bring joy, strength and imagination to our relationship.

I promise to keep myself open to you, to let you see through the window of my world into my innermost fears and feelings, secrets and dreams.

I promise to grow along with you, to be willing to face changes in order to keep our relationship alive and exciting.

I promise to love you in good times and bad, with all I have to give and all I feel inside in the only way I know how, completely and forever.

I take you as my partner, my friend and my love.

My hopes and dreams will now be intermingled with yours.

I will seek to balance my needs with those of our community and family.

I will openly draw from our combined experience and feelings in our search for truth and meaning.

I will strive for harmony through compromise and understanding.

I will be forgiving, but not complacent.

From this day forward, I take shared responsibility for our marriage, family, community and

myself,  
regardless of our successes or failures.  
I promise to be faithful and true to you in mind, body, and spirit; to cherish you and respect you;  
and to be a source of comfort and encouragement, free and bound by our love, as long as we shall live.

I marry you because everything reminds me of you.  
I marry you because I like you best.  
I marry you because in holding you I am held.  
I marry you because I enjoy you.  
I marry you because we can grow, not together, but very nearby.  
I marry you because you are my favorite person to goof off with.  
I marry you because when you smile, I forget where I am, and it takes me longer each time to remember again.  
I marry you because you are strong enough to be weak.  
I marry you because I need to be cared for but, more importantly, I need to care.  
I marry you because you make me laugh heartily and often, reminding me not to take myself or my life overly serious.  
I marry you because you know me better than I know myself.

(Name), I take you to be my partner in life and in love.  
When we are together, life is warm, safe, satisfying and passionate.  
When we are apart, I carry you in my heart.  
On this day, I affirm the relationship that we have enjoyed,  
Looking to the future to deepen and strengthen it.  
I promise to love you wholly and completely,  
Without restraint, in sickness and in health,  
In plenty and in poverty,  
In this life and beyond.  
I do not seek to change you in any way,  
But I respect you as God has given you to me.  
This is my solemn promise.

(Name), you are my family,  
you are my home  
I am alive with you  
You help me face fears and  
I am encouraged with you;  
I experience forgiveness with you and

I grow with you.  
I am faithful to my highest self with you  
And that allows me to be faithful to you.  
I love you with all my being,  
And my dream is to grow old with you.  
I love you and respect you.  
I appreciate the gift of your love.  
Knowing you has enriched my life beyond measure.  
You make my life complete.

I, (name), renew my vows of marriage to you. You are my life-partner, best friend, and companion.

You are the supporter of my dreams and guardian of my heart. I will spend the rest of my days at your side.

I thank you for providing a nurturing, challenging and loving environment in which to grow. What I promised before, I gladly promise again to love you, honor you, and respect you above all others.

# SPIRITUAL VOWS

With God as my foundation and as the guardian of our Holy Union,  
From this day on, I commit to you,  
To be your wife/husband,  
To co-create a life in partnership with you,  
Loving you in Holy Matrimony all the rest of our days.  
And I commit to you, to the best of my ability,  
To stand by your side,  
To play and laugh with you as often as I can,  
To be honest with you,  
To comfort you when you are troubled,  
To support you in all that you dream,  
To forgive myself and you when needed,  
To appreciate you and learn from you,  
To pursue my potential as a gift to our Holy Union,  
To hold the highest good of our family as my priority,  
To do whatever it takes to maintain a happy and balanced marriage,  
To live a long and healthy life, smelling the roses along the way,  
Still loving each other sweetly and gladly,  
Until our days on earth shall come to their completion.

(Name), my love, I have prayed my entire life that God would send me the right person to marry. He has given me the desire of my heart in you. I am captivated by your beauty, refreshed by your genuineness and encouraged by your love for me. You mean more to me than anything else in this world. I will seek to love you sacrificially, as Christ loved the church. I will seek to understand you and listen to your innermost thoughts. I will protect you and provide security for you. I will encourage and support you in the interests and goals that you have. I will honor, respect and adore you. You alone will be my desire as I forsake all others. I will be exhilarated with your love. (Name), I commit my entire being and covenant my love, representing my life, promising to remain committed to you, along side of you, as long as I shall live on this earth.

(Name), I love you so much! I'm committing everything I have and everything I am to God first and then to you. You are my greatest joy. You've become my best friend lovingly designed by our Heavenly Father. He knew from the very beginning that you would be the woman/man I would eventually marry. You are the unique person who meets my special needs and adds to my life things that were missing, bringing out the absolute best in me that



only you and your closeness to God could bring out. Our love has that perfect completeness I hoped and prayed for, a special love that is from the Lord. He promises to go before us and through his special power, hold us together. (Name), I'm confident we will last a lifetime as husband and wife and I will love, support, encourage, challenge and cherish you throughout that lifetime.

I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wedded wife/husband; and I promise and covenant, before God and these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful wife/husband, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

Groom:

I, (name), take you (name), to be my wedded wife. With deepest joy I receive you into my life that together we may be one. As is Christ to His body, the church, so I will be to you a loving and faithful wife. Always will I perform my headship over you even as Christ does over me, knowing that His Lordship is one of the holiest desires for my life. I promise you my deepest love, my fullest devotion, my tenderest care. I promise I will live first unto God rather than others or even you. I promise that I will lead our lives into a life of faith and hope in Christ Jesus. Ever honoring God's guidance by His spirit through the Word. And so throughout life, no matter what may lie ahead of us, I pledge to you my life as a loving and faithful husband.

Bride:

I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wedded husband. With deepest joy I come into my new life with you. As you have pledged to me your life and love, so I too happily give you my life, and in confidence submit myself to your headship as to the Lord. As is the church in her relationship to Christ, so I will be to you (name), I will live first unto our God and then unto you, loving you, obeying you, caring for you and ever seeking to please you. God has prepared me for you and so I will ever strengthen, help, comfort, and encourage you. Therefore, throughout life, no matter what may be ahead of us, I pledge to you my life as an obedient and faithful wife.

You have filled my world with meaning; you have made me stronger and more fulfilled as a person, and I thank God for bringing you to me. You have made me so happy and my heart rejoices in the anticipation of spending the rest of my life with you. Thank you for taking me as I am, loving me and welcoming me into your heart. I don't deserve such love, but I am eternally grateful. I stand here today before these witnesses and take you as my wife/husband. I promise to return your love in full, as we grow together as man and wife. I promise to always love you, to be faithful to you and to cherish and respect you in all the circumstances that may come to us in our married life. I come to you today, just as I am, and I take you just as you are, my cherished wife/husband. Let's never change but always love

each other the way we do today, the man and woman we are as we stand here before these witnesses and commit ourselves to each other for life.

Groom:

I love you, (name), and I know that God has ordained this love. Because of this I desire to be your husband. Together we will be vessels for His service in accordance with His plan, so that in all areas of our life Christ will have the pre-eminence. Through the pressures of the present and the uncertainties of the future, I promise to be faithful to you. I promise to love, guide, and protect you as Christ does His Church, and as long as we both are alive. According to Ephesians 5 and with His enabling power, I promise to endeavor to show to you the same kind of love as Christ showed the Church when He died for her, and to love you as a part of myself because in His sight we shall be one.

Bride:

I love you, (name), and I know that you love me. Because of this I desire to be your wife. For \_\_ years I have prayed that God would lead me to His choice and I am confident that His will is being fulfilled tonight. Through the pressures of the present and the uncertainties of the future I promise to be faithful to you. I will love, serve, and obey you as long as we both are alive. Christ told us that the wife must submit herself unto her own husband as unto the Lord. For as Christ is Head of His Church so is the husband head of his wife. (Name), I submit myself to you.

I (name), take you (name), to be my wedded wife/husband. To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness or in health, to love and to cherish 'till death do us part. And hereto I pledge you my faithfulness.

Groom:

(Name), we read in Genesis, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife," and in Proverbs "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing." He has ordained that the husband be the head of the wife. He instructs me, as the one who will be your husband, to love you as Christ loves the Church. It is my desire and delight to follow this scriptural teaching. With all my heart, I make this pledge to you.

Bride:

(Name), the Lord instructs me as the one who will be your wife to submit to you as unto Him. Our Father created woman to be man's helper. It is my desire and delight to follow this scriptural teaching. With all my heart I make this pledge to you.

Groom:

(Name), I love you. Today is a very special day. Long ago you were just a dream and a prayer. This day like a dream come true the Lord Himself has answered that prayer. For today, (name) you as my joy become my crown. I thank Jesus for the honor of going through time with you. Thank you for being what you are to me. With our future as bright as the promises of God, I will care for you, honor and protect you. I lay down my life for you, (name), my friend and my love. Today I give to you me.

Bride:

(Name), I love you and I know you love me. I am confident that God has chosen you to be my husband. It is my prayer and desire that you will find in me the helpmate God designed especially for you, and in confidence I will submit myself unto your headship as unto our Lord. Therefore, (name) I pledge to you my life as an obedient, faithful and loving wife. Whither thou goest I will go, whither thou lodgest I will lodge, Thy people shall be my people, And thy God my God.

Groom:

(Name), I love you and I know that this love is from God. Because of this, I want to be your husband so that we might serve Christ together. Through all of the uncertainties and trials of the present and future, I promise to be faithful to you and love you. I promise to guide and protect you as Christ does his church, as long as we both shall live. God's Word gives us the perfect example of this love in Christ's death for the Church. I shall try always, with God's help, to show you this same kind of love, for I know that in His sight we will both be one.

Bride:

(Name), I love you. I prayed that God would lead me to his choice. I praise Him that tonight His will is being fulfilled. Through the pressures of the present and uncertainties of the future I promise my faithfulness, to follow you through all of life's experiences as you follow God, that together we may grow in the likeness of Christ and our home be a praise to Him.

Groom:

(Name), as we stand before both God and man, making public our commitment to one another, I wish to make it known that I recognize first of all God's authority over my life which is exercised from His loving heart. He has chosen me to be one of his own, and He is now my life. I recognize also that He has blessed me and entrusted to me your life as a free gift that I have not earned. In recognition of these things, (name) I purpose to love you with His love, to provide for your needs through His enablement, and to lead you as He leads me, as long as He give us life together, regardless of the circumstances. As Psalm 34:3 expressed

my heart when I asked you to marry me, so it expresses my heart now: "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together."

Bride:

On this special day, (name), I am reminded of the verse James 1:17 which says, "Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." With a gift such as you, I know that many new responsibilities face me. In I Corinthians, it explains "It is required of a steward to be found trustworthy." I cannot do this on my own strength, (name), but by God's grace and power working within me I desire to be trustworthy as your wife by following your leading submissively, even as unto Christ, loving and serving you in all circumstances as long as He give me life on this earth.

Groom:

I, (name), take you (name) to be my wife, before God who brought us together; to love and cherish you even as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it, to lead you and share all of life's experiences with you by following God through them. That through His grace, (name), we might grow together into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Bride:

And with this ring, I, (name), take you, (name). to be my husband, before God who brought us together, to love you, cherish you, to submit myself unto you in all things, and to follow you through all of life's experiences as you follow God. That through His grace we might grow together into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Groom:

I, (name), take you (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 do us part, or the Lord comes for His own, and hereto I pledge you my faithfulness.

Bride:

I, (name), take you (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 do us part, or the Lord comes for His own, and hereto I pledge you my faithfulness.

I, (name), in faith, honesty and love, take you, (name) to be my wedded wife/husband, to share with you God's plan for our lives together united in Christ. And with God's help, to strengthen and guide me I will be a strong spiritual leader for us in our life, for better, for worse, in sickness and in health, in joys and in sorrows, until death do we part. I give you all that I have myself and my love. (All these things I pledge to thee) In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. With this ring I seal my vow of love to you, (name) and pray I may fulfill God's place in our home, in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Groom:

I love you, (name), and I thank the Lord for the love that has bound our hearts and lives together in spiritual fellowship of marriage. I will love, honor and cherish you always. As we enter upon the privileges and joys of life's most holy relationship, and begin together the great adventure of building a Christian home, I will look to Christ as Head of our home as I have looked to Him as Head of the Church. I will love you in sickness as in health, in poverty as in wealth, in sorrow as in joy, and will be true to you by God's grace, trusting in Him, so long as we both shall live.

Bride:

I love you, (name) and I thank the Lord for the love that has bound our hearts and lives together in spiritual fellowship of marriage. I will love, honor, cherish and obey you always. As we enter upon the privileges and joys of life's most holy relationship and begin together the great adventure of building a Christian home, I will look to you as head of our home as I have looked to Christ as Head of the Church. I will love you in sickness as in health, in poverty as in wealth, in sorrow as in joy, and will be true to you by God's grace, trusting in Him, so long as we both shall live.

Groom:

(Name), as we stand before both God and man making public our commitment to one another, I wish to make it known that I recognize God's authority over my life which is exercised from His loving heart. He has chosen me to be one of His own, and has since been my life. I recognize also that He has blessed me, and entrusted to me your life as an unearned gift. In recognition of these things, I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wife. I purpose to love you with His love, to provide for your needs through His enablement, and to lead you as He leads me, as long as He gives me life, regardless of circumstances (name) I look forward to establishing a home where Christ is glorified. Toward that end I promise to allow God to use you in my life as He sees best in building me into His person. I thank Him for your love and friendship.

Bride

I, (name), take you, (name), to be my husband. With the greatest joy I come into my new life with you. Today I am reminded of James 1:17 which says "Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." Besides the gift of salvation, you are the most precious gift 3737God has given me. I know that along with the new joys God has given me, I face new responsibilities that I cannot fulfill in my own strength. But by God's grace and power working within me, I desire to be trustworthy as your wife, to serve and love you in all circumstances, to obey you, to allow God to use you to build His qualities in me, as long as God give us life on this earth. I praise God continually for you, (name), and for your love and friendship.

**THE END**



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