

WEDDING VOWS

1) (Bride) _____, / I thank God He has given us to each other / to share one life, one love, one heart. / With God's help / I will try to be everything He wants me to be for you / so I may meet your needs / and fulfill your dreams. / I will love you with an unconditional love / just as Christ loves us. / In love I will lead you, / protect and provide for you, / nurture and care for you, / and honor and respect you. / I promise to stay by your side / no matter what circumstances life may bring, / and I vow to be faithful and true to you alone. / May my love give you strength all the days of our lives.

(Groom) _____, / as we become husband and wife today, / I promise to love you with an unending love. / I give myself in all things to your care / as unto the Lord. / As God has prepared me / to be your helpmate and companion in this life, / I commit myself to stand by you / whatever comes our way. / I will be with you in sickness and in health, / whether we are rich or poor, / and during times of happiness, / as well as times of sorrow. / I will honor and respect you, / encourage and support you, / and devote myself to you. / I promise to be faithful and true to you alone. / May my love bring you joy all the days of our lives.



2) I, (Groom) _____, take you, (Bride) _____, / to be my partner in life. / I promise to walk by your side forever / and to love, help and encourage you / in all you do. / I will take time to talk with you, / to listen to you, / and to care for you. / I will share your laughter and your tears / as your partner, lover, and best friend. / Everything I am and everything I have is yours / now and forevermore.

I, (Bride) _____, give myself to you, (Groom) _____, / on this our wedding day. / 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, / through the difficult and the easy. / What may come, I will be there always. / As I have given you my hand to hold, / so I give you my life to keep.



3) (Bride) _____, I thank God for bringing you into my life. / I choose you this day / as my wife, my love and my best friend. / I commit myself to you / openly, exclusively and eternally. / I promise you my unconditional love, / I give you my unwavering trust, / and I share with you all the days of my life.

(Groom) _____, I accept you / as the one God has chosen to complete me. / I join with you now / to share all that life may bring. / I will be yours through weakness and strength, / through sorrow and joy, / through failure and triumph. / I give my love to you and you alone / with all my heart, soul and mind / now, forever and always.

4) (Bride/Groom) _____, I love you. You have brought such joy to my life. Thank you for loving me as I am and taking me into your heart. I vow to return your love in full as we grow together as husband and wife. Through all the changes of our lives, I promise to be there for you always as a strength in need, a comfort in sorrow, a counselor in difficulty, and a companion in joy. This is my promise to you. *(These vows are best if read rather than repeated.)*



5) _____, I accept you as my (wife/husband) and life companion from this day forward. / I will share what I have and who I am. / I will be true to you in all things. / I will love you enough to risk being hurt / and trust you when I misunderstand. / I will weep with you in heartache, / celebrate life with you in joy / and cherish you as my partner / today, tomorrow and always.



6) My promise to you is but a simple one. I will love you today and every day that follows until the end of time. With the passing of every minute, my love grows stronger and my devotion grows deeper. I will love and cherish you until my eyes can no longer see your gentle smile, my ears can no longer hear your loving words, and my hands can no longer feel your tender caress. From this moment until my dying breath, you are my love—you are my life. *(These vows are best if read rather than repeated.)*



7) I, _____ take you, _____, / to be my partner in life. / 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, / through the difficult and the easy. / What may come I will be there always. / As I have given you my hand to hold, / so I give you my life to keep.



8) (Bride/Groom) _____, *(Option A)* God has given us a second chance at happiness. *(Option B)* We have been given a second chance at happiness. Before I met you, I was only half a person with an emptiness in my heart, but your love has filled that void completely and I am whole again. Today is the first day of the rest of our lives. As we begin a new life together, I promise to give my future to you in faith, my heart to you in hope, and my life to you in love. *(These vows are best if read simultaneously to each other.)*

9) I love you (Bride/Groom) _____, and I love (Children) _____ [as my very own.] Today as we become husband and wife, we also will become a family and begin a new life together. I promise to be a faithful (husband/wife) and (father/mother) and I will be there for you and for the children always. No matter what circumstances life may bring, with God's help, we will face them together as a family. I commit myself to all of you from this day forward and forevermore. *(For marriages with children involved in the ceremony. These vows are best if read rather than repeated.)*



10) I promise to give you the best of myself and to ask of you no more than you can give. I promise to accept you the way you are. I fell in love with you for the qualities, abilities and outlook on life that you have, and I will not try to reshape you into a different image. I promise to respect you as a person with your own interests, desires and needs, and to realize that those are sometimes different, but no less important than my own. I promise to share with you my time, my close attention, and to bring joy and strength and imagination to our relationship. I promise to keep myself open to you, to let you see through the window of my personal world into 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 in order to keep 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 I feel inside in the only way I know how...completely and forever. *(By Dorothy R. Colgan. These vows are best if read simultaneously to each other.)*



11) I, (Groom/Bride) _____, / take you (Bride/Groom) _____, / to be my wedded (wife/husband). / I do promise before God and these witnesses / to be faithful and true, / in plenty and in want, / in joy and in sorrow, / in sickness and in health, / and I will love you and cherish you / for as long as we both shall live. *(Traditional vows)*



12) I, (Groom/Bride) _____, / take thee, (Bride/Groom) _____, 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 and in health, / to love and to cherish, / till death do us part. / This is my solemn vow. *(Traditional vows)*

NOTE: Certain vows are much more meaningful if memorized or read to each other rather than repeated.