

Marriage Vows

The **vows** are the heart of the service, and the act that makes the marriage. The rest of the wedding amplifies your promises made to each other. The pastor does not marry you; you marry each other with your vows.

You must be comfortable with the words you speak; they must be honest and from your heart. Marriage vows are life-long and this indication of faithfulness is essential.

What follows are some options for you to consider. You may rearrange phrases and change words. You do not necessarily have to speak the same vows to each other. You can repeat your vows after the pastor, read them from an index card, or memorize them.

(1)
I take you _____, to be my *wife/husband* from this day forward, to join with you and share all that is to come, and I promise to be faithful to you *until death parts us/as long as we both shall live*.

(2)
_____, I give myself to you as your wife/husband
and these things I promise you:
I will be faithful to you
And I will be honest with you;
I will respect and trust,
Help and care for you;
I will share my life with you;
I will forgive you as we have been forgiven;
I will join with you to better understand
Ourselves, the world, and God,
Through the best and worst of what is to come
As long as we both shall live.

(3)
I take you _____ to be my wife/husband.
I promise before God and these witnesses
To be your faithful husband/wife;
I will respect and trust you.
I will help and care for you;
I will be with you in plenty and in want,
In joy and in sorrow,
As long as we both shall live.

(4)
_____, I take you to be my wife/husband
from this time onward,
to join with you and 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
as long as we both shall live.

(5)
_____, I make a covenant with you as my husband/wife,
to laugh with you in joy,
to grieve with you in sorrow,
to grow with you in love,
serving all people in peace and hope,
as long as we both shall live.

(6)

I give myself to you _____,
To be your wife/husband,
And these things I promise you:
I will be faithful to you
And honest with you.
I will respect and trust you,
I will 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 to better understand
Ourselves, the world and God;
Through the best and worst of what is to come
As long as we both shall live.

(7)

I _____, receive you, _____
As my wife/husband
In love and happiness,
With God and these friends as my witnesses.
I promise to be true to you and provide for you,
In good times and in bad,
Through sickness and in health,
I will love you and honor you
For all the days of my life.

(8)

I take you _____ as my wife
I take you _____ as my husband.
I will spend my life with you
Loving you and sharing
All that life brings us.

I promise to be faithful and honest,
To be forgiving and a source of strength,
To respect and love you,
As long as we both shall live.

(9)

I receive you, _____ as my wife/husband.
I will spend my life with you
Loving you and sharing all that life brings us.
I promise to be faithful and honest
To be forgiving and a source of strength
To respect and love you
As long as we both shall live.

(10)

I take you _____, to be my wife/husband.
I promise before God and these witnesses
To be your faithful husband/wife,
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.

(11)

I, _____, take thee, _____
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,
According to God's holy ordinance
And thereto I plight thee my troth.

(12)

I, _____, take you, _____

To be my wife/husband,
To love and care for you for the rest of my life.
I will stand by your side at all times good and bad.
I give to you my love our whole life long.

(13)

I, _____, give you my hand this day. I open
my mouth to declare before God, our ancestors, and this
congregation, that I take you, _____ to be my
wife/husband I love you. In bitter days and in days of
sweetness, in darkness and in light, in life and until death, I
will walk in step with you. Your concerns will be my
concerns. Your joys will be my joys. We will share our
struggles, and we will share our triumphs. I will be with you
all the days of my life. This is my vow. I have spoken.

(14)

_____, I will be your husband/wife.

I promise faithfulness to you;
I will share my whole life with you;
Its joys and its sorrows,
Its plenty and its want,
My strengths and my weaknesses.

I pledge to be a best friend to you,
To talk with you and listen to you,
To stand by you and support you at all times.

I will share with you
The joys and responsibilities of home and family.

With the help of God,
I will be kind and loving to you
As long as we both shall live.