

Wedding Vows - The Promise

Explanation: Wedding vows come immediately after the Affirmation of Intent. They are a promise made by the bride and groom to each other. The celebrant breaks up the vow into short phrases which the bride and groom repeat.

In some cases the bride and groom will speak their vows together. More often they will make their vow separately. The vows may be the same, or they may be different, for each partner. The wording of Affirmation of Intent and the Wedding Vows can be as personal as you like, so long as you include the following vow required by the marriage act to make it legal. "I, (Name) call upon the persons here present, to witness, that I take you, (Name) to be my lawful, wedded wife/husband/spouse or partner".

Many of the vows are appropriate for both renewal and commitment ceremonies – sometimes exactly as they are, in other cases some of the wording needs to be changes to make them more suitable.

No. 1

Groom: I, (Groom), ask all here present to witness, that I take you, (Bride), to be my lawfully, wedded wife. I intend to grow and develop in partnership with you; to love you, and live with you, through good times and bad, so long as we both shall live.

Bride: I, (Bride), ask all here present to witness, that I take you, (Groom), to be my lawfully, wedded husband. I intend to grow and develop in partnership with you, to love you, and live with you, through good times and bad, so long as we both shall live.

No. 2

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be the wife of my days, to be the mother of our children, to be the companion of my home. I commit my life to you, encompassing as it does, all sorrows and joys, all hardships and triumphs, all experiences of life; a commitment made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope, and eternally made new.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), to be the husband of my days, to be the father of our children, to be the companion of my home. I commit my life to you, encompassing as it does, all sorrows and joys, all hardships and triumphs, all experiences of life; a commitment made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope and eternally made new.

THE PROMISE

No. 3

G and B: I will love you today, and all the days of my life, encouraging you in your endeavours, and working with you in achieving ours.

No. 4

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be no other than yourself, loving what I know of you, trusting what I do not yet know; tending you in sickness, rejoicing with you in health, so long as we both shall live.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), to be no other than yourself, loving what I know of you, trusting what I do not yet know; tending you in sickness, rejoicing with you in health, so long as we both shall live.

No. 5

Groom: (Bride), with all that I am, and all that I have, I take you to be my wife.

Bride: (Groom), with all that I am, and all that I have, I take you to be my husband.

No. 6

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be my lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forth, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, so long as we both shall live.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom) to be my lawful husband, to have and to hold, from this day forth, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, so long as we both shall live.

No. 7

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), as my friend and love, beside me and apart from me, in laughter and in tears, in conflict and tranquility, in all the ways life may find us.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), as my friend and love, beside me and apart from me, in laughter and in tears, in conflict and tranquility, in all the ways that life may find us.

THE PROMISE

No. 8

Groom: (Bride), with this solemn vow I take you for what you are, with what I am, with what I have. All the blessings we shall share, all the trials we shall face together.

Bride: (Groom), with this solemn vow I take you, for what you are, with what I am, with what I have. All the blessings we shall share, all the trials we shall face together.

No. 9

Groom: (Bride), I choose you above all others to share my life with me. I intend to love you as you are, in the hope that you will become, all that you can be. I promise to honour this pledge, as long as life and faith endures.

Bride: (Groom), I choose you above all others to share my life with me. I intend to love you as you are, in the hope that you will become, all that you can be. I promise to honour this pledge, as long as life and faith endures.

No. 10

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be the wife of my days, and the companion of my home. We shall keep together, what share of sorrow our lives may lay upon us; and we shall hold together our store of goodness and of love.

Bride: I (Bride) take you (Groom) to be the husband of my days, and the companion of my home. We shall keep together, what share of sorrow our lives may lay upon us; and we shall hold together our store of goodness and of love.

No. 11

G and B: Standing among our friends, I pledge to share my life with you. I promise to cherish and encourage you own fulfillment as an individual, through all the changes of our lives, as long as we both shall live.

No. 12

Groom: (Bride), I will be your husband, and give you my love without reservations. I will share with you, all the tears and laughter of my tomorrows, and they will become ours.

Bride: (Groom); I will be your wife, and give you my love without reservations. I will share with you, all the tears and laughter of my tomorrows, and they will become ours.

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No. 13

G and B: We come gladly to this moment. We have already shared much of our lives together, and know, from experience, that we get along well together.

Today, I choose to make a deeper commitment to you, a legal and binding contract. It is my way of telling you, that our experience together has been so good, that I want it to continue for the rest of my life.

No. 14

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), for life. And I will love and honour you until death.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), for life. And I will love and honour you until death.

No. 15

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you, and honour you, all the days of my life.

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

No. 16

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be my wife and my companion through life. From this day forward, in times of joy and sorrow, in sickness and in health, in poverty and plenty, I promise to love you, and be true to you, until death parts us.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), to be my husband and my companion through life. From this day forward, in times of joy and sorrow, in sickness and in health, in poverty and plenty, I promise to love you, and be true to you, until death parts us.

No. 17

G and B: I will love you for today, and for all our tomorrows.

No. 18

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), for my wife. I promise to love you, to honour you, and to live with you from now until the end of my life.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), for my husband. I promise to love you, to honour you, and to live with you from now until the end of my life.

No. 19

G and B: I choose to take this journey with you, wherever it leads, whatever the outcome, no matter what may befall us, through all the days of our lives.

No. 20

G and B: I ask you to share in my joys, to celebrate in my victories, to rejoice in all my achievements, even as I promise to share in your joys, to celebrate in your victories, to rejoice in your achievements.

No. 21

G and B: I will love you, and honour you, in good times and bad, give thanks for you always, and cherish you until the end of our days.

No. 22

Groom: I, (Groom), take you, (Bride), to be my partner in marriage and in life.

Bride: I, (Bride), take you, (Groom), to be my partner in marriage and in life.

No. 23

G/B: I'll love you, as much as I do today, all the days of my life.

No. 24

G/B: Standing among friends, I pledge to you my love for today, and all the years to come. I promise to encourage you to become all that you can be, to help you in all your endeavours, and work with you to achieve ours. I promise you a love that will last for the rest of my life.