



## VOWS\*

**\*\* Under the Marriage Act 1961 the vows MUST contain the following at the beginning; \*\***

**I call upon the persons here present to witness that I ..... take you..... to be my lawful wedded husband or wife or partner or spouse... (you may then add your own wording to personalise as you wish).**

For a non-religious civil wedding ceremony omit the references to God.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my *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 honour and respect you, to laugh with you and cry with you, and to cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

*Perri*

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I \_\_\_\_\_, take you \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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Before God and these witnesses, I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my *husband/wife*, and I promise to love you, and to be faithful to you as long as we both shall live.

Read together:

Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you, For where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. And where you die, I will die and there I will be buried.

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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.

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I take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my *husband/wife* and I promise before God and all who are present here to be your loving and faithful *husband/wife*, as long as our lives shall last. I will serve you with tenderness and respect, and encourage you to develop God's gifts in you.

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Do you, \_\_\_\_\_, take this *man/woman*, \_\_\_\_\_, to be your *husband/wife*, according to God's holy decree; do you promise to be to *him/her* a loving and loyal *husband/wife*, to cherish and keep *him/her* in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, to be faithful only to *him/her* as long as you both shall live?

*Answer : I do.*

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\_\_\_\_\_, will you have this *man/woman* to be your *husband/wife* to live together according to God's decree in the holy estate of marriage? Will you love *him/her*, comfort *him/her*, honour and keep *him/her*, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, faithfully keep to *him/her* alone, so long as you both shall live?

*Answer : I will*

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, take thee, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wedded *husband/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. According to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge thee my faith.

I promise you \_\_\_\_\_, that I will be your loving and loyal *husband/wife* from now on. I will share with you all of life's joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain, until death parts us.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my *husband/wife*, my partner in life and my one true love. I will cherish our friendship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever. I will trust you and honor you I will laugh with you 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 hand to hold so I give you my life to keep so help me God.

Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you, For where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. And where you die, I will die and there I will be buried.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, take thee, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my lawfully wedded *husband/wife*, secure in the knowledge that you will be my constant friend, my faithful partner in life, and my one true love.

On this special holy day, I give to you in the presence of God and these witnesses my sacred promise to stay by your side as your faithful *husband/wife* in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, as well as through the good times and the bad.

I promise to love you without reservation, comfort you in times of distress, encourage you to achieve higher goals, laugh with you and cry with you, grow with you in mind and spirit, always be open and honest with you, and cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

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## Modern Wedding Vows

You are my *husband/wife*  
My feet shall run because of you  
My feet dance because of you  
My heart shall beat because of you  
My eyes see because of you  
My mind thinks because of you  
And I shall love because of you.

*Eskimo Love Song*

\_\_\_\_\_, I take you to be my lawfully wedded *husband/wife*. Before these witnesses I vow to love you and care for you as long as we both shall live.

I take you, with all your faults and strengths, as I offer myself to you with all my faults and strengths. I will help you when you need help, and turn to you when I need help. I choose you as the person with whom I will spend my life.

*P&J*

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\_\_\_\_\_, I take you to be my *husband/wife* 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.

*Sam*

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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.

*Sarah \**



I promise to be there when you need me, to fill your days with sunshine, to comfort you and encourage you, to help you reach your goals, to be your best friend ever and to love you all my life with all my heart.

*DL*

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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.

*Sass*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, 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.

*Marie*

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wedded *husband/wife*. With deepest joy I receive you into my life that together we may be one. I promise you my love, my fullest devotion, my tenderest care. I pledge to you my life as a loving and faithful *husband/wife*.

*Marie*

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On this day, *month, day, year*, I, \_\_\_\_\_, join myself to you \_\_\_\_\_, before this company. May our days be long, and may they be seasoned with love, understanding and respect.

*belinda\_2*

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my *husband/wife*, knowing in my heart that you will be my constant friend, my faithful partner in life, and my one true love. My commitment is made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope and eternally made anew.

*Sarah*

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From this day forward I promise you these things. I will laugh with you in times of joy and comfort you in times of sorrow. I will share in 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 help you when you need it, and step aside when you don't.

I will remain faithful to you for better or worse, in times of sickness and health. You are my best friend and I will love and respect you always.

*lucy\_b\**



\_\_\_\_\_, I pledge to you to be your loving friend and partner in marriage. To talk and to listen, to trust and appreciate you; to respect and cherish your uniqueness; and to support, comfort, and strengthen you through life's joys and sorrows. I promise to share hopes, thoughts, and dreams as we build our lives together.

May our lives be ever intertwined, our love keep us together. May we build a home that is compassionate to all, full of respect and honour for others and each other. And may our home be forever filled with peace, happiness, and love.

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I join my life with yours. Wherever you go, I will go; whatever you face, I will face. For good or ill, in happiness or sadness, come riches or poverty, I take you as my *husband/wife*, and will give myself to no other.

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On this special day, I give to you in the presence of God and all these witnesses my promise to stay by your side, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, through good times and bad.

I promise to love you without reservation, comfort you in times of distress, encourage you to achieve all of your goals, laugh with you and cry with you, grow with you in mind and spirit, always be open and honest with you, and cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

*Janet*

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\_\_\_\_\_, today I will marry you, my friend, the one I will live with, dream with, and love forever. I take you to be my *husband/wife*. From this day forward I will cherish you. I will look with joy down the path of our tomorrows, knowing we will walk it together side by side, hand in hand, and heart to heart.

*OleJ*

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\_\_\_\_\_, I promise to love you and to value your friendship as a precious gift. I look forward to raising our family, and building our relationship, under the care and guidance of God. I promise to stand beside you in sickness or health, in times of prosperity and decline, in peace and in turmoil, as long as we both shall live.

*Sam*

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you \_\_\_\_\_, to be my *husband/wife*, and friend. We shall bear together whatever of sorrow and adversity life may place upon us, and share together whatever of joy and fulfillment life may hold in store. I commit my life to you; a commitment made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope and eternally made anew.

I pledge to you a life of giving and of hoping, of growing and of loving. I shall be with you in your tears and in your laughter, just as I shall bring to you my own joys and my own sorrows. You will be my *husband/wife*, as long as love remains. My commitment is made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope and eternally made anew.

*MrsM*

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, choose you \_\_\_\_\_, as my *husband/wife*, in friendship and in love, in strength and weakness, to share the good times and misfortune, in achievement and failure. I will cherish and respect you through all the changes of our lives, forever giving thanks that we found each other.

*L&M*

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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 respect you. These things I give to you today, and all the days of our life.

*T&T*

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Where there has been cold, you have brought warmth; where there was darkness, you have brought light. Our miracle lies in the path we have chosen together. I enter this marriage with you, knowing that the true magic of love is not to avoid changes, but to follow the path together, hand in hand. Let us commit to the miracle of making each day work, together.

Whatever lies ahead, good or bad, we will face together. Distance may test us for a time, and time may try us. But if we look to each other first, we will always see a friend. For better or worse, richer or poorer, in sickness and health, in joy and in sorrow, to love and to cherish, to be faithful to you alone.

*P&M*

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Today, I take my place as your *husband/wife*. May our days be long, and may they be seasoned with faith, love, understanding, and respect, forever and ever. Today is the beginning of the rest of our lives. I choose to spend today, and all of my tomorrows, with you.

*Shellie*

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Today we move from I to We, \_\_\_\_\_, take this ring as a symbol of my decision to join my life with yours until death should part us. I walked to this place to meet you today, we shall walk from it together.

*Shellie*

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\_\_\_\_\_, this day, before our family and friends, with joy in my heart, I pledge myself to you as your husband/wife, promising to love you, to cherish our moments together, for now and forever.

*Tessa*

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My beloved \_\_\_\_\_, emptying my heart of all others, I fill it now with you, to love you until the end of my days as my most treasured spouse. I promise that I will love you, hold you, and enjoy you, console you, delight you, astound you when I can, and cherish you dearly.

*Luci*

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I \_\_\_\_\_, take you \_\_\_\_\_, to be my husband/wife, secure in the knowledge that you will be my constant friend, my faithful partner in life, and my one true love.

On this special day, I give you in the presence of God and all those in attendance, my sacred promise to stay by your side as your faithful *husband/wife*, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, through the good times and the bad.

I promise to love you without reservation, comfort you in times of distress, encourage you to achieve all of your goals, laugh with you and cry with you, grow with you in mind and spirit, always be open and honest with you, and cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

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\_\_\_\_\_, I take you to be my partner; to have and to hold, from this day forward. I give to you my unending love and devotion. I promise to be true to you, to cherish you, and to share my thoughts, hopes, and dreams with you. I look forward to spending the rest of my life with you, my best friend. I will love you forever.

*BJ*

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I take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my *husband/wife*. I promise to be true to you, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, and I will love and honour you all the days of my life.

*Claire*

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\_\_\_\_\_, I promise to be there when you need me, to fill your days with sunshine, to comfort you and encourage you, to help you reach your goals, to be your best friend ever, and to love you all my life, with all my heart.

*Izzie*

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\_\_\_\_\_, I take you to be my lifetime partner, secure in the knowledge that you will be my constant friend, and my one true love.

*Bella\_83*

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On this special day, \_\_\_\_\_, I give to you, in the presence of (God and) all these witnesses, my promise to stay by your side, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, through the good times and the bad.

I promise to love you without reservation, comfort you in times of distress, encourage you to achieve all of your goals, laugh with you and cry with you, grow with you in mind and spirit, always be open and honest with you, and cherish you, for as long as we both shall live.

*Fate*

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my *husband/wife*, knowing in my heart that you will be my constant friend, my faithful partner in life, and my one true love.

*MissP*

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, ask you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my *husband/wife*, as my friend and my love. On this day I affirm the relationship we have enjoyed, looking to the future to deepen 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, will stumble but restore each other.

We will share all things, serving each other and our fellow humanity. I will cherish and respect you, comfort and encourage you, be open with you, and stay with you as long as we shall live, freed and bound by our love.

*Amanda*

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\_\_\_\_\_, I offer you my Love. I offer you my strength. I offer you my weaknesses. I offer you my support. I offer you my loyalty. I offer you my faith, for as long as we both shall live.

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Love has given us wings, and our journey begins today, \_\_\_\_\_, wherever the wind may carry me, I will stay by your side as your *husband/wife*. Take this ring as a sign of my love and commitment to you.

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\_\_\_\_\_, I take you to be my *husband/wife*, 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.

*beautiful life*

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\_\_\_\_\_, you are my best friend for life. I pledge to honour, encourage, and support you through our walk together. When our way becomes difficult, I promise to stand by you and uplift you, so that through our bond we can accomplish more than we could alone.

I promise to work at our love, and always make you a priority in my life. With every beat of my heart, I will love you. This is my solemn vow.

*Bindi J*

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\_\_\_\_\_, all that I am, and all that I have, I offer to you, in love and in joy. From this day forward I will love and comfort you, hold you close, prize you above all others, and remain faithful to you all the days of our lives.

*Samantha*

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\_\_\_\_\_, I bring myself to you this day to share my life with you. You can trust my love, for it's real. I promise to be a faithful mate, and to unflinchingly share and support your hopes, dreams, and goals. 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.

*Kerrie*

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\_\_\_\_\_, 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, honour and cherish you, now and forevermore.

*Amanda*

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Today, a day of music and celebration, I pledge to share my life with you. Whether the days that come are happy or sad, I will live them with you. \_\_\_\_\_, I give myself as I am and as I will be, and I do it for all of life as your *husband/wife*.

*Faith*

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Today, \_\_\_\_\_, I join my life to yours, not merely as your *husband/wife*, but as your friend, your lover, and your confidant. Let me be the shoulder you lean on, the rock on which you rest, the companion of your life. With you I will walk my path from this day forward.

*T&T*



*Adrian Downey*  
NSW Celebrant