

# A Guide to Planning Your Wedding

## Some Sample Vows

Do you( Bridegroom's name) take (Bride's name ) to be your wife

To be her constant friend, her partner in life, her true love

To love without reservation honour and respect her

To protect her from harm

Comfort her in times of distress

And to grow with her in mind and spirit

**Bridegroom Yes I do**

Do you( Bride name ) take (Bridegrooms name ) to be your husband

To be her constant friend, his partner in life, his true love

To love without reservation honour and respect him

To protect him from harm

Comfort him in times of distress

And to grow with him in mind and spirit

**Bride Yes I do**

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I \_\_\_\_\_ choose you \_\_\_\_\_ as my best friend for life

I \_\_\_\_\_ choose you \_\_\_\_\_ to embark upon this great journey of marriage with me

I \_\_\_\_\_ take you \_\_\_\_\_ as my soul mate and companion

I \_\_\_\_\_ will take you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my wife/husband my partner, my friend, my confidant, my soul mate

I \_\_\_\_\_ take \_\_\_\_\_ to be my lawfully wedded wife/husband

To have to hold

To love and cherish in sickness and in health

In prosperity and adversity

Forsaking all others

So long as we both shall live

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\_\_\_\_\_ take you \_\_\_\_\_ as my friend and love, beside me and apart from me, in laughter and in tears, in conflict and tranquillity, asking that you be no other than yourself, loving what I know of you, trusting what I do not know yet, in all the ways that life may find us

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From this moment I take you \_\_\_\_\_ as 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 union 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.**

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I \_\_\_\_\_ take you \_\_\_\_\_ as my best friend for life. I am so in love with you that I want to promise to stand beside you through thick and thin, through good and bad, through joy and sorrow.

I want to spend the rest of my life hearing your thoughts and seeing your dreams. I promise to do my best to make our lives better and better from this day on. **This is my solemn vow.**

Do you \_\_\_\_\_ take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your wife  
To be her constant friend  
Her partner in life and her true love  
To love her without reservation, honour and respect her  
Protect her from harm  
Comfort her in times of distress  
And Grow with her in mind and spirit **I do**

Do you \_\_\_\_\_ take \_\_\_\_\_ to be your husband  
To be her constant friend  
Her partner in life and her true love  
To love her without reservation, honour and respect her  
Protect her from harm  
Comfort her in times of distress  
And Grow with her in mind and spirit **I do**

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, honour, 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 life, 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, so long as we both shall live.

Before God our Father, Who has given us the gift of love, I (Name), join with you, (Name), in the covenant of marriage. I promise to give my faithful, life-giving love to you, and to share my life with you, as long as we shall live. May this community of faith witness our love for each other for the rest of our lives.

I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow, and with all that I am, and all that I have. I honour you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

I offer you my love and my support throughout all of our lives. I commit myself to years of growth and sharing as I encourage you to move in new direction. I will strive to achieve my potential as God's creature and will celebrate your progress toward the same goal. I give myself as I am and as I will be, and I do it for all of life.

Respecting each other, we commit to live our lives together for all the days to come. I ask you to share this world with me, for good and ill. Be my partner, and I will be yours.  
May our days be long, and may they be seasoned with love, understanding, and respect.

Now we stand together; may it always be so. I offer myself to you today. I will always love you, respect you and be faithful to you. Come health, happiness, and prosperity, I will stand with you; come illness, trouble, or poverty, I will stand with you. Take this ring, as a sign of my love and commitment.

Today I join my life to yours 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.

I came here today to join my life to yours before this company. In their presence I pledge to be true to you, to respect you, and to grow with you through the years. Time may pass, fortune may smile, trials may come; no matter what we may encounter together, I vow here that this love will be my only love. I will make my home in your heart from this day forward.

## **Jewish Vows**

Do you, (Name), take (Name), to be your (husband/wife)? ("I do."). Do you promise to love, cherish and protect (him/her), whether in good fortune or in adversity, and to seek with (him/her) a life hallowed by the faith of Israel? ("I do. ")

(Name), as you place this ring upon the finger of (Name), speak to (him/her) these vows: "With this ring be thou consecrated unto me as my (husband/wife), according to the law of God, and the faith of Israel.

## **Buddhist Vows**

(Name), in the future, happy occasions will come as surely as the morning. Difficult times will come as surely as the night. When things go joyously, meditate according to the Buddhist tradition. When things go badly, meditate. Meditation in the manner of the Compassionate Buddha will guide your life. To say the words "love and compassion" is easy. But to accept that love and compassion are built upon patience and perseverance is not easy.

## **Muslim Vows**

I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my (husband/wife). I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honour you all the days of my life. Bride: I pledge, in honesty and sincerity, to be for you an obedient and faithful wife. Groom: I pledge, in honesty and sincerity, to be for you an obedient and faithful husband.

## **Intercultural Wedding Vows**

(Name), Our love has opened windows to the worlds we lived in as children. I have found profound respect for your heritage; but I am not part of it. We have vowed to live our adult lives together. Our marriage will be a new creation. Now I promise to build bridges of understanding, and share the best of myself with your family, your friends, and you.

(Name), with these rings we unite our hearts in tenderness and devotion. We will honour each other's cultures as we join customs to form a trusting relationship. We will protect, support, and encourage each other through life's joys and sorrows as we create a loving future. We promise to establish a home for ourselves and our children shaped by our respective heritages; a loving environment dedicated to peace, hope, and respect for all people. From this day forward our lives will be intertwined forever, blessed in faith, filled with compassion, understanding and love.

## **Contemporary Romantic Wedding Vows**

(Name), 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.

I love you, (Name). 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), we pledge to each other to be loving friends and partners in marriage. To talk and to listen, to trust and appreciate one another; to respect and cherish each other's uniqueness; and to support, comfort, and strengthen each other through life's joys and sorrows. We promise to share hopes, thoughts, and dreams as we build our lives together. May our lives be ever intertwined, our love keeping us together. We will build a home that is compassionate to all, full of respect and honour for others and each other. May our home be forever filled with peace, happiness, and love.

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There are as many vows to be spoken and written as there are lovers who love. Use the samples here as they are or to help you write your own if you wish.

Below is a list of words which may help you build your own unique vows.

Let your hearts guide you.

VERBS	NOUNS	ADJECTIVES
Endure	Teacher	Dearest
Honour	Friend	Priceless
Challenge	Partner	Lovliest
Laugh	Accomplice	True
Cry	Soul mate	New
Respect	Beloved	Unknown
Cherish	Best friend	Happy
Nurture	Growth	Long
Stand	Freedom	Eternal
Love	Spirit	Joyful
Adore	Reverence	Enduring
Learn	Faith	Everlasting
Support	Beauty	Hopeful
Uplift	Peace	
Encourage	Understanding	ADVERBS
Join	Joy	Affectionately
Accept	Eternity	Sincerely
Give	Permanent	Divinely
Offer	Trust	Totally
Strive	Integrity	Only
Work	Guide	Only
Embrace	Partnership	Completely
Experience	Forever	Loyalty
Promise	Lover	Eternally
Share	Strength	Joyfully