

## VARIOUS VERSIONS OF VOWS

**What follows are many versions of vows. In each, the pastor reads the vow phrase by phrase which the groom repeats, and once complete, the bride does the same.**

### *Selection #1*

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

### *Selection #2*

In the Name of God, I, \_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_, to be my wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

### *Selection #3*

\_\_\_\_, you are consecrated to me now as my wife/husband this day forward, to love and to cherish, to have and to hold, for richer or for poorer, for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, in sadness and in joy, to share together as long as we both shall love.

### *Selection #4*

I, \_\_\_\_ - choose you, \_\_\_\_ - above all others - to share my life. I pledge to share my life openly with you - to speak the truth in love - and to accept your truth - as you share with me. I will be your companion and friend in life. I will give you respect - understanding - and the freedom to grow - in your learning and fulfillment.

I promise to offer you freely from my heart,  
my trust,  
my devotion,  
my tenderness,  
and my love.

### *Selection #5*

I \_\_\_\_ take you \_\_\_\_\_, treasure of my heart and dearest companion, to be my wife/husband, lover and friend, to journey through life with, beyond the road's end. I will love, comfort and honor you, through good times and bad, all of my days.

### *Selection #6*

I \_\_\_\_ take you \_\_\_\_\_ to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and cherish; and I promise to be faithful to you until we are parted by death.

### *Selection #7*

I take you \_\_\_\_ this day as my husband/wife, and I promise to walk by your side forever, as your best friend, your lover, and your soul mate.

### *Selection #8*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife/husband. I chose to marry you this day and I want to grow old with you. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life. This is my solemn vow.

### *Selection #9*

I, \_\_\_\_ take you \_\_\_\_\_ /to be my wife/husband.  
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./  
What may come/ I will always be there for you./  
I come into this union,/  
letting go of my deepest fears/  
and embracing all my faith./  
And if I doubt/  
I will remember this time/  
and why we came together this day./  
Cole, as I have given you my hands to hold,/  
so I give you my life to keep.

### *Selection #10*

As I have come of my own free will, I promise to love and respect you, laugh with you, share my life openly and honestly with you, support you in times of sadness, and share your joy in times of triumph. I also promise to honor and cherish you all the days of our lives.

*Selection #11*

I, -----, take you, -----, to be my wedded husband/wife. I will love you today, tomorrow, and forever. I promise to trust you, laugh with you, and share my life openly and honestly with you. I will support you in times of sadness, and share your joy in times of triumph. I promise to love, comfort, and honor you all the days of my life.

*Selection #12*

\_\_\_\_\_, I promise to always love you, treasure you, and adore you. I will celebrate the joys of life with you and I will offer you courage and strength through all endeavors. I promise to do everything in my power to keep our love as vibrant as it is today. For as long as I shall live, I will be honored to be your wife/husband.

*Selection #13*

\_\_\_\_\_, you are my companion in life and my one true love. I will treasure our friendship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever. I will trust and honor you, I will laugh and cry with you. With unflinching love I will stand by you through the best and the worst, through the difficult and the easy. As I have given you my hand to hold, so I give you my life to keep.

*Selection #14*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife/husband, to love and to cherish you, to honor and to comfort you, to stand by you in sorrow or in joy, in hardship or in ease, to be both your lover and your closest friend.

*Selection #15*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my beloved wife/husband, to love and to cherish all my days.

*Vida, si tuviera quatro vidas, quatro vidas serian para ti.* (My love, if I had four lives to live, I'd live them all with you.)

*Selection #16*

These vows come from my heart. I pledge to love you forever; to be open, honest, and faithful to you. I promise to be your best friend – to laugh, cry, sing and dance with you; to nurture your spiritual growth and to support your dreams; to allow you freedom and room for personal growth to become the person you are yet to be. I promise to help create a home filled with reverence for learning, loving, generosity, and serenity; to bring gentleness to the relationship. I promise to listen – and honor your words and feelings; to work through the conflicts and to resolve our problems. I promise to comfort and to challenge you and to nurture your sexual being and to be your romantic lover.

*Selection #17*

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.

*Selection #18*

I promise to give you the best of myself and to ask of you no more than you can give.

I promise to respect you as your own person and to realize that your interests, desires and needs are no less important than my own.

I promise to share with you my time and my attention and to bring joy, strength and imagination to our relationship.

I promise to keep myself open to you, to let you see through the window of my world into my innermost fears and feelings, secrets and dreams.

I promise to grow along with you, to be willing to face changes in order to keep our relationship alive and exciting.

I promise to love you in good times and bad, with all I have to give and all I feel inside in the only way I know how, completely and forever.

*Selection #19*

I take you as my partner, my friend and my love.  
My hopes and dreams will now be intermingled with yours.  
I will seek to balance my needs with those of our community and family.  
I will openly draw from our combined experience and feelings in our search for truth and meaning.  
I will strive for harmony through compromise and understanding.  
I will be forgiving, but not complacent.  
From this day forward, I take shared responsibility for our marriage, family, community and myself, regardless of our successes or failures.  
I promise to be faithful and true to you in mind, body, and spirit; to cherish you and respect you;  
and to be a source of comfort and encouragement, free and bound by our love, as long as we shall live.

*Selection #20*

I marry you because everything reminds me of you.  
I marry you because I like you best.  
I marry you because in holding you I am held.  
I marry you because I enjoy you.  
I marry you because we can grow, not together, but very nearby.  
I marry you because you are my favorite person to goof off with.  
I marry you because when you smile, I forget where I am, and it takes me longer each time to remember again.  
I marry you because you are strong enough to be weak.  
I marry you because I need to be cared for but, more importantly, I need to care.  
I marry you because you make me laugh heartily and often, reminding me not to take myself or my life overly serious.  
I marry you because you know me better than I know myself.

*Selection #21*

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

*Selection #22*

In the presence of God and this community of friends,  
I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my husband/wife;  
To have and to hold from this day forward,  
In joy and in sorrow,  
In plenty and in want,  
In sickness and in health,  
To love and to cherish,  
As long as we both shall live.  
This is my solemn vow/promise.

*Selection #23*

\_\_\_\_\_, I take you to be my partner in life and in love.  
When we are together, life is warm, safe, satisfying and passionate.  
When we are apart, I carry you in my heart.  
On this day, I affirm the relationship that we have enjoyed,  
Looking to the future to deepen and strengthen it.  
I promise to love you wholly and completely,  
Without restraint, in sickness and in health,  
In plenty and in poverty,  
In this life and beyond.  
I do not seek to change you in any way,  
But I respect you as God has given you to me.  
This is my solemn promise.

*Selection #24*

I take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
To be my companion and mate  
From this day forward  
To join with you and share all that is to come,  
And with the help of God  
I promise to be faithful to you  
As long as we are given life together.

*Selection #25*

In the name of God, I \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my companion;

And I solemnly promise

Here with our witnesses and before God:

To stand beside you and with you always;

In times of celebration and times of sadness;

In times of pleasure and times of anger;

In times of pain and times of health.

I will live with you and love you

As long as we both shall live.

*Selection #26*

\_\_\_\_\_, you are my family,

you are my home

I am alive with you

You help me face fears and

I am encouraged with you;

I experience forgiveness with you and

I grow with you.

I am faithful to my highest self with you

And that allows me to be faithful to you.

I love you with all my being,

And my dream is to grow old with you.

*Selection #27*

\_\_\_\_\_, My beloved and my friend,

I solemnly promise before God

And our dearest friends as my witness,

That I will be faithful to you and honest with you;

I will love you and care for you,

I will share my life with you;

I will forgive you as we have been forgiven;

And with you I will try to fully understand our lives, our selves, and

God until death parts us.

*Selection #28*

(Quaker)

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.

*Selection #29*

I [Groom], take you, [Bride], with all my heart and soul to be my wife,

my friend, my love and my lifelong companion. I promise to respect

that our ideas and opinions may differ, and to remember that yours

hold as much truth and value for you as mine do for me. I promise to

support you in times of trouble, and celebrate with you in times of

happiness; to care more about your feelings than about being right, and

to listen without judging.

*Selection #30*

I take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife/husband, and these things I

promise you: I will be faithful to you and honest with you; I will

respect, trust, 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

the worst of what is to come as long as we live.

*Selection #31*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife/husband, and I do

promise and covenant, before God and these witnesses, to be your

loving and faithful husband/wife: in plenty and in want, in joy and in

sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

*Selection #32*

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

pledge my faithfulness to you in all love and honor, in all duty and

service, in all faith and tenderness, to live with you and cherish you

according to the ordinance of God, in the holy bonds of marriage.

*Selection #33*

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

accept you and allow you to differ with me. I will give you the

freedom to be creative, will love you when life is peaceful and when it

is in disorder, when I am proud of you and when I am disappointed in

you. I will always try to keep my love growing and to never let it fall

into the trap of stagnant security.

*Selection #34*

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

and respect you as an equal. I will not only be a husband/wife, but a

helper, friend, and guide so that you will be able to meet life's joys and

tribulations, knowing that I stand by your side.

*Selection #35*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, intend in heart and mind to live with you, \_\_\_\_\_, in a fashion consistent with God's design for marriage. I promise to love you, honor you, and be faithful to you in times of personal need and personal blessing. I do pledge, with God's help and to the best of my ability, to seek to establish and maintain honest and loving communication between you and myself. Forsaking all others, I promise to remain faithful to you as long as we both shall live.

*Selection #36*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, covenant with the Lord and with you, \_\_\_\_\_, to walk together in all God's ways, as God is revealed to us; to give myself to you freely and without reserve; to celebrate our gifts of unity and diversity; in times of discord, to reconcile myself to you in love. For the earth is charged with the grandeur of God. Knowing this grace in our lives, may we take up God's mission in the world, hearing the cry of all people, striving for justice and peace. I now take you to be my wedded wife/husband, to cherish and to hold from this day forward, always and everywhere, till death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance.

*Selection #37*

I take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife/husband, and these things I promise you: I will be faithful to you and honest with you; I will respect, trust, 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 the worst of what is to come as long as we live.