



So here we go! It's time to exchange vows....

The only thing that is mandatory with vows is the first statement...no matter what you say afterwards, funny or sentimental, you **MUST** start with the following words:

"I CALL UPON THOSE HERE PRESENT TO WITNESS THAT I XXX (your full name) TAKE YOU XXX (your full name) TO BE MY LAWFULLY WEDDED HUSBAND/WIFE...."

Then the rest is completely up to you! And remember you don't have to say the same things – you can have different vows.

Here are some choices, and if you like one, please add the number of it to the Ceremony Builder Questionnaire, but if none of them suit, feel free to develop or research your own.

EXAMPLE VOWS

1. My XXXXX, I love you completely and with all of my heart.

Today I give myself to you in marriage as my best friend, my partner in life and my one true love.

I promise to encourage and inspire you, to laugh with you in times of struggle, overcoming life's challenges with our love. I promise to adore and respect you and to support your dreams.

I promise to cherish you, to comfort you and care for you, and to always hold you in highest regard, as we grow together throughout the seasons of our lives.

I promise to stay by your side forever and always.
2. I call upon our family and friends here present, to witness that I, XXXXX, take you, XXXXX, to be my lawful wedded husband.

I look forward to every day I am going to spend with you. I even look forward to the challenges and difficult times we will face, because we will be facing them together.

3. I, XXXXX choose you XXXXX to be my wife/husband,
In times of sickness and in times of health,
In times of joy and in times of sorrow.
I promise to respect you,
To care and protect you,
To comfort and encourage you.
I vow to listen to you and to keep an open mind.
To grow with you throughout the seasons of life
And to stay by your side for all eternity.

4. I come here today XXXXX to join my life with yours
before our family and friends
In their presence I pledge to be true to you,
to respect you, and to grow with you through the years.
I will love you faithfully through the best and the worst,
through the difficult and the easy.
I will always be honest with you, kind, patient and forgiving.
But most of all I promise to be a true and loyal friend to you.
I love you.

5. XXXXX, 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.

6. I come here today XXXXX to join my life with yours
before our family and friends
In their presence I pledge to be true to you,
to respect you, and to grow with you through the years.
I will love you faithfully through the best and the worst,
through the difficult and the easy.
I will always be honest with you, kind, patient and forgiving.
But most of all I promise to be a true and loyal friend to you.
I love you.

7. XXXXX I want to be with you always, just as you are.

I choose you, above all others, to share my life with me in marriage. I love you
for yourself, and I want you to become all you can be. I promise to honour this
pledge for as long as I live.

8. I come to you in marriage today with great joy and excitement in my heart.
Your love and patience over the past XXX years have shaped me into the
person I am today.
In my eyes you are the most beautiful person in the world.
I look forward to facing the challenges of love, marriage and family life
together with you.
I declare my love for you and my desire to be with you always as husband
and wife. I choose you above all others to share my life.
I will honour this promise as long as we both will live.

9. XXXXX I am proud to take you as my wife.
For all the time we have been together
There has always been the kind of love and understanding
That is only shared when there is true love.
You have helped me triumph over challenges,
Encouraged my personal growth and boosted my self esteem.
You have helped me become the person I am today, and with your help
I will be a better man tomorrow than I was yesterday.
I love the way you love and care for me,
I love the way you trust and believe in me,
I love the way you always look your best for me,
I love you and I love my life with you.
Today, as we begin our lives as husband and wife,
I commit myself to you.

10. I take you as my husband/wife.
To say I love you is not enough,
To try to condense the depth of my feelings into a few words is impossible;
it doesn't tell of the respect I have for you as an individual,
nor how I appreciate how tender and caring you are,
nor the joy I find in your laughter,
nor the tears I hold back for your pain,
nor the strength you give when I need it,
nor the pleasure I feel in your touch.
But if to say "I love you" means all these things,
Then let me say "I love you more each day."

11. I XXXXX offer myself to you XXXXX,
To be your wife,
Your friend, your lover and your lifelong companion;
To share my life with yours;
To build our dreams with together,
To support you through times of trouble,
And rejoice with you in times of happiness;
To treat you with respect, love and loyalty
Through all the trials and triumphs of our lives together.
This commitment is made in love,
Kept in faith, lived in hope,
And eternally made new.
12. 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.
13. I ask everyone here today to witness that I XXXX take you XXXX to be my
husband/wife
XXXXX you are my friend, my confidante, my lover. You make me laugh and
cry. You are my strength and you always love me, no matter what. You have
managed to help me through bad times and I cannot imagine my life without
you. Today, I want to make a promise to you and to myself, in front of our
friends and family, to love, honour and protect you for all the days of my life.

14. I call upon those present to witness that I XXXXX take you XXXXX as my lifelong partner.
To continue traveling around the world until the money runs out!
I promise to care for you,
To honour our partnership,
And to always take out the rubbish on Wednesdays,
For the rest of our lives together!
15. I call upon our family and friends here present to witness that I, XXXXX choose you, XXXXX to be my wife/husband.
I offer you not the "summer of my life" but the autumn, brisk and vibrant. I promise to be a companion worthy of your precious friendship.
I pledge you compassion in good times and bad; encouragement in sickness and health. It is my intent that our life together include our large circle of friends and loving families.
We'll cherish the memories of our individual pasts; and create our new life as we go now together.
16. I XXXXX take you XXXXX to be my lawful wedded husband.
I promise to be both your student and your teacher in life's journey
I promise to share my life with you
I promise to treat you and the union of our marriage with integrity and honour and grace
I promise you union but also freedom
I promise to be your foundation and your support when you or we both ace life's challenges
I promise to be your shelter when life is stormy
I promise respect
I promise caring
I promise love
17. Groom: Your voice was the start of our friendship
Our song was the first step down the aisle
Your hand is mine to hold forever
Our forever is as simple as a smile

Bride: You said, I was what was missing
We said, instantly we knew
There is an answer to be answered
And the answer is I do

18. XXXX, I love you completely and with all my heart.
You are my best friend, my lover, my partner in life (and in crime), my confidant and my one true love. You are my strength, my joy and my inspiration.
Your love, and patience, over the past years have shaped me into the person I am today and with you I know I'll be a better man tomorrow, the next day, and the next
So today, I'm so privileged to join my life with yours, in front of our family and friends.
I promise to encourage and inspire you, to laugh with you, and foster your dreams.
I promise that I will comfort you in times of sorrow and struggle; I know together we will triumph over challenges and turn rainy days to sunshine.
I promise that we will build our dreams together, but I'll also to give you space and independence to be the person you are and all you can be.
I promise never take you for granted and to keep our relationship exciting and new.
I promise to honour, cherish and respect you
I promise to do all this as we grow together throughout the seasons of our lives
I love you so much and it makes me so proud to call you my wife.
19. Today I marry you, my partner in life, my lover, and most importantly, my friend.
I am grateful for your tenderness and warmth, your patience and strength of character, and your excitement for life and fun. I am grateful to celebrate the love that brought us to this day.
I promise to always encourage and inspire you and your imagination, curiosity and creativity. To laugh with you, respect you as your own person, and support your dreams. I vow to share with you my time and attention, keep myself open to you, and let you see through the windows of my world.
I look forward to embracing challenge and change with resilience with you, to growing old together, comforting and caring for you when life seems hard, and holding hands even in moments when we can't agree.
I love you for yourself and I want you to become all you can be. I promise to always give you the space and time you need to do this.
I love you Matt and I love my life with you. I am proud to take you as my husband and promise to always let you feel that you are loved.

Some couples have started to create a “call and response” type of format, rather than a longer, single statement each....here are a couple by way of example to see if that might be something you’re interested in including.

20. Bride: I call upon those here today to witness that I, XXXX, take XXXXX to be my husband, secure in the knowledge that you will be my lifelong friend, my partner and the greatest love I have ever known

Groom: I call upon those here today to witness that I, XXXX, take you, XXXX, to be my wife, secure in the knowledge that you will be my lifelong friend, my partner and the greatest love I have ever known.

Bride: On this day, I give to you in the presence of our friends and family, my commitment to stay happily by your side as your wife.

Groom: On this day, I give to you in the presence of our friends and family, my commitment to stay happily by your side as your husband

Bride: We make this commitment for the times we are sick, injured or frail and for the times we are healthy and well.

Groom: We make this commitment for the good times when we are happy and for the tough times.

Bride: We make this commitment for when we are celebrating successes and for when we are disappointed or commiserating loss.

Groom: I promise to love you without reservation, comfort and support you in times of distress, encourage you to achieve all of your goals, laugh with you and cry with you and grow with you in both mind and spirit. I promise to be a responsible and loving father to our children. I'll always try to be open and honest with you, and cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

Bride: I promise to always let you feel that you are loved. I promise to be part of a home where our children know that their parents love and respect each other and most of all I promise to give you the space and time to be the person you are. I also promise that whenever I doubt myself, am sad, or unsure or that I'll try to see myself through your eyes. I'll always try to be open and honest with you, and cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

21. Groom: I call upon you all to witness that I XXXX choose you XXXXXX to be my lawfully wedded wife.
- Bride: and I XXXXXX call upon all those here present to witness that I choose you Xxxxxxx to be my lawfully wedded husband.
- Groom: I love you, you are my best friend. You are the most beautiful person I have ever met, your generosity and love is endless, so on this day I make the following promises to you.
- Bride: Will, you are my soul mate. You are caring, respectful and most of all compassionate. You inspire me to be the best version of my self for that I will be forever grateful, so on this day I make the following promises to you.
- Groom: I promise to continue to encourage and inspire you, to laugh with you and to hold your hand through the hard times and the great times.
- Bride: I promise I will always be open and honest to laugh and cry and grow with you in both mind and spirit
- Groom: I promise to adore and respect you, to support all your dreams and tell you all mine. I promise to be kind patient and forgiving.
- Bride: I promise I will try to be patient and to give you my undivided attention, to bring joy, strength and imagination to our relationship.
- Groom: I promise to grow with you and build an exciting and amazing life together. I will honour these promises forever and always.
- Bride: I promise to love you without reservation, to support and encourage you to achieve all of your goals. I will honour these promises forever and always.