

WRITING YOUR VOWS

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Vows consist of 2 parts. The first part has to be said as a legal requirement:

**“I call upon the persons / people here present to witness that I, take you,
to be my lawful wedded wife (or husband)”**

This is then followed by your words that can be either a standard statement or a customised version. Vows can consist of any wording that you prefer, so long as the legal wording is included.

Making them your own

The easiest way to start the process of writing vows is to write down ideas around the following:

- What does that person do for you that makes you feel amazing?
- What is amazing about them?
- What is the connection that you have with each other?

Follow up with some statements around:

- What promises do you want to make to the other person in a way that shows your genuine feelings and love for the that person?
- What promises do you want to make that will allow them to be all that they can be ?
- In essence, what can you bring to the table that makes them feel secure and complete?

Keep reading for some examples and inspiration

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"I call upon the persons here present to witness that I, take you, to be my lawful wedded wife (or husband).

- 1 You have made me the happiest person that I could possibly imagine. Your smile in the morning, your kind words when I am feeling insecure, Your kisses and hugs to let me know you are thinking of me. Your support during my greatest successes and my lowest moments. Because of you, I can be myself, which is why I make this promise today; To make you always feel loved; To be your rock in all of life's challenges; To nurture and encourage you to achieve all of your dreams; To make you laugh everyday. I make this promise because I want to share my life with someone amazing like you.
- 2 Today I take you to be my partner. Together we will create a home, becoming a part of one another. I vow to help create a life that we can cherish, inspiring your love for me and mine for you. I vow to be honest, caring and truthful, to love you as you are and not as I want you to be, and to grow old by your side as your love and best friend.
- 3 I will take you in my arms when you need to be held. I will listen when you need to talk. I will laugh with you in times of joy, and comfort you in times of sadness. I will love you for who you are, and help you to become all that you can be. I will age gracefully with you/grow old with you. This is my commitment to you now and forever.
- 4 You are my best friend, my confidant and one of my favourite pests. You make me laugh and cry, you are honest and wise. You are my strength and you are kindhearted. You always love me no matter what. You have always 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.

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- 5 You are my best friend and my one true love. When I'm with you, I feel I can be the person I want to be, and I cannot imagine my life without you. You make me smile, you stick up for me, you take care of me and you are always interested in what I have to say and do. Today, I want to make a promise to you and to myself, in front of our friends and family, to love and honour, protect and respect you for the rest of my life. I vow to trust and value your opinions, and stand by your actions. I pledge to always treat you as my best friend, and equal. I will ask for help when I need it, and offer help when necessary. Let us be friends and lovers, and grow old together. And let us make all the years of our lives together the best years of our lives. For now and forever.
- 6 You are my best friend, my travel buddy, my confidant and one of my favourite pests. I will listen when you need to talk. I will take you in my arms when you need to be held. I will never let you go to sleep angry, even if you try. I will laugh with you in times of joy, and comfort you in times of sadness. I will love you for who you are, and help you to become all that you can be. I will age gracefully with you and 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 until death do us part.
- 7 From the moment our paths crossed, You've surprised me, Distracted me, Captivated me, And challenged me in a way that no one ever has. I've fallen in love with you again and again, Countless times, without reservation, And I still can't believe that today I get to marry my best friend.
- 8 From this day forward I promise you these things. I promise to be true to you, To uplift and support you, To frustrate and challenge you, And to share with you the beautiful moments of life. Someday, if the stars align, I might even let you win an argument. No matter what trials we encounter together or how much time has passed, I know that our love will never fade, That we will always find strength in one another And that we will continue to grow side by side.

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THE RING CEREMONY

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Choose one of the following options for the part of the ceremony where you exchange rings. Use one of the options below, or create your own by mixing and matching words that you prefer.

- With this ring, I give you my promise to honour you, to be faithful to you, and to share my love and my life with you. Forever and always.
- As a sign of my love and my knowledge that in marrying you, I am becoming much more than I am, I give you this ring with the promise that I will love you and keep my heart open to you all the days of my life.
- This ring is my gift to you, may it always remind you that from this day forward you will be surrounded by my love.
- I give you this ring as a sign that I choose you to be my lover, my partner, and my best friend. Today, tomorrow and always.
- I give you this ring as a symbol of my promise to always love you, cherish you, honour you and respect you.
- (Name), I give you this ring. Wear it as a symbol of our love for one another, as a symbol of my long-lasting and truthful commitment.
- I give you this ring. Wear it as a symbol of our love to one another, reminding you always, of the commitment we made to each other on this day.

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