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### **Wedding Vows**

#### Example 1

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.

In the sight of God's love, and in the presence of our families and friends, I (Name), take you, (Name), to be my (husband/wife). I offer my friendship and trust in you, promising to be faithful and understanding, as long as we both shall live.

In the presence of the Lord and of this assembly, I take thee, (Name), to be my (husband/wife), promising with Divine Assistance to be unto thee a loving and faithful (husband/wife), until death shall separate us.

I love you, (Name). Today is a very special day. Long ago you were just a dream and a prayer. Thank you for being what you are to me. With our future as bright as the promises of God, I will care for you, honor and protect you. I lay down my life for you, my friend and my love.

I love you, (Name), and I know that this love is from God. Through all of the uncertainties and trials of the present and future, I promise to be faithful to you and love you. I promise to guide and protect you, as Christ does his Church, as long as we both shall live.

I, (Name), take you, (Name), 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, or the Lord comes for His own, and hereto I pledge you my faithfulness.

(Name), I will be a strong spiritual leader for us in our life, for better, for worse, in sickness and in health, in joys and in sorrows, until death do we part. I give you all that I have, myself, and my love. All these things I pledge to thee in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. With this ring, I seal my vow of love to you, and pray I may fulfill God's place in our home, in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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, honor, 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.

(Name), I take you to be my (husband/wife). I pledge you the rest of my life, as your partner and your friend. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

I promise to love you, (Name), with an unselfish devotion. I will care for you with tenderness, and I will always seek to strengthen you, comfort you, encourage you, and hold you up daily in prayer before our Heavenly Father. I pledge you my faithfulness and eternal love, from this day forward.

(Name), in the sight of God's love, and the presence of our families and friends, I give to you friendship and trust, guidance and support, love and compassion, promising to be faithful and understanding, for as long as we both shall live.

I, (Name), take thee, (Name), to be my (husband/wife). To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you forevermore.

I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my (husband/wife). To share the good times and hard times, side by side. I humbly give you my hand and my heart as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, and pledge my faith and love to you. Just as this circle is without end, my love for you is eternal. Just as it is made of incorruptible substance, my commitment to you will never fail. With this ring, I thee wed.

Before our friends and those so special to us here, on this wonderful day of gladness and good fortune, I, (Name), take you, (Name), as my (husband/wife), in friendship and in love, in strength and weakness, to share the good times and misfortune, in achievement and failure, to celebrate life with you forevermore

## Example 2

### Example One

(Groom) I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my wedded wife. With deepest joy I receive you into my life that together we may be one. As is Christ to His body, the church, so I will be to you a loving and faithful husband.

Always will I perform my headship over you even as Christ does over me, knowing that His Lordship is one of the holiest desires for my life. I promise you my deepest love, my fullest devotion, my tenderest care.

I promise I will live first unto God rather than others or even you. I promise that I will lead our lives into a life of faith and hope in Christ Jesus. Ever honoring God's guidance by His spirit through the Word, And so throughout life, no matter what may lie ahead of us, I pledge to you my life as a loving and faithful husband.

(Bride) I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my wedded husband. With deepest joy I come into my new life with you. As you have pledged to me your life and love, so I too happily give you my life, and in confidence submit myself to your headship as to the Lord.

As is the church in her relationship to Christ, so I will be to you. (Name), I will live first unto our God and then unto you, loving you, obeying you, caring for you and ever seeking to please you. God has prepared me for you and so I will ever strengthen, help, comfort and encourage you.

Therefore, throughout life, no matter what may be ahead of us, I pledge to you my life as an obedient and faithful wife.

### Example 3

(Groom) I love you, (Name), and I know that God has ordained this love. Because of this I desire to be your husband. Together we will be vessels for His service in accordance with His plan, so that in all areas of our life Christ will have the pre-eminence. Through the pressures of the present and the uncertainties of the future, I promise to be faithful to you. I promise to love, guide, and protect you as Christ does His Church, and as long as we both are alive.

According to Ephesians 5 and with His enabling power, I promise to endeavor to show to you the same kind of love as Christ showed the Church when He died for her, and to love you as a part of myself because in His sight we shall be one.

(Bride) I love you, (Name,) and I know that you love me. Because of this I desire to be your wife. For X# of years, I have prayed that God would lead me to His choice, and I am confident that His will is being fulfilled tonight.

Through the pressures of the present and the uncertainties of the future I promise to be faithful to you. I will love, serve, and obey you as long as we both are alive.

Christ told us that the wife must submit herself unto her own husband as unto the Lord. For as Christ is Head of His Church so is the husband head of his wife. (Name), I submit myself to you.

### Example 4

(Groom) I (Name), take you (Name), to be my wedded wife. To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness or in health, to love and to cherish 'till death do us part. And hereto I pledge you my faithfulness.

(Bride) I, (Name), take you (Name), to be my wedded husband. 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. And hereto I pledge you my faithfulness.

### Example 5

(Groom) (Name), we read in Genesis, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife," and in Proverbs "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing." He has ordained that the husband be the head of the wife. He instructs me, as the one who will be your husband, to love you as Christ loves the Church. It is my desire and delight to follow this scriptural teaching. With all my heart, I make this pledge to you.

(Bride) (Name), the Lord instructs me as the one who will be your wife to submit to you as unto Him. Our Father created woman to be man's helper. It is my desire and delight to follow this scriptural teaching. With all my heart I make this pledge to you.

#### Example 6

(Groom) (Name), I love you. Today is a very special day. Long ago you were just a dream and a prayer. This day like a dream come true the Lord Himself has answered that prayer. For today, (Name), you as my joy become my crown. I thank Jesus for the honor of going through time with you. Thank you for being what you are to me. With our future as bright as the promises of God, I will care for you, honor and protect you. I lay down my life for you, (Name), my friend and my love. Today I give to you me.

(Bride) (Name), I love you and I know you love me. I am confident that God has chosen you to be my husband. It is my prayer and desire that you will find in me the helpmeet God designed especially for you, and in confidence I will submit myself unto your headship as unto our Lord. Therefore, (Name), I pledge to you my life as an obedient, faithful and loving wife. Whither thou goest I will go, whither thou lodgest I will lodge, Thy people shall be my people, And thy God my God.

#### Example 7

(Groom) (Name), I love you and I know that this love is from God. Because of this, I want to be your husband so that we might serve Christ together. Through all of the uncertainties and trials of the present and future, I promise to be faithful to you and love you. I promise to guide and protect you as Christ does his church, as long as we both shall live. God's Word gives us the perfect example of this love in Christ's death for the Church. I shall try always, with God's help, to show you this same kind of love, for I know that in His sight we will both be one.

(Bride) (Name), I love you. I prayed that God would lead me to his choice. I praise Him that tonight His will is being fulfilled. Through the pressures of the present, and uncertainties of the future, I promise you my faithfulness; to follow you through all of life's experiences as you follow God, that together we may grow in the likeness of Christ, and our home be a praise to Him.

#### Example 8

(Groom) (Name), as we stand before both God and man, making public our commitment to one another, I wish to make it known that I recognize first of all God's authority over my life which is exercised from His loving heart. He has chosen me to be one of his own, and He is now my life. I recognize also that He has blessed me and entrusted to me your life as a free gift that I have not earned. In recognition of these things, (Name) I purpose to love you with His love, to provide for your needs through His enablement, and to lead you as He leads me, as long as He give us life together, regardless of the circumstances. As Psalm 34:4 expressed my heart when I asked you to marry me, so it expresses my heart now: "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His Name together."

(Bride) On this special day, (Name), I am reminded of the verse James 1:17 which says, "Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." With a gift such as

you, I know that many new responsibilities face me. In I Corinthians, it explains, "It is required of a steward to be found trustworthy." I cannot do this on my own strength, (Name), but by God's grace and power working within me I desire to be trustworthy as your wife by following your leading submissively, even as unto Christ, loving and serving you in all circumstances as long as He give me life on this earth.

#### Example 9

(Groom) (Name), I give you this ring; wear it with love and joy. I choose you to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward for better or for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish as long as we both shall live.

(Bride) (Name), I give you this ring; wear it with love and joy. I choose you to be my husband: to have and to hold, from this day forward. For better, for worse, for richer for poorer; in sickness and in health; to have and to cherish, as long as we both shall live. And hereto, I pledge you my faithfulness to show to you the same kind of love as Christ showed the Church when He died for her, and to love you as a part of myself because in His sight we shall be one.

#### Example 10

(Groom) I, (Name), take you (Name) to be my wife, before God who brought us together; to love and cherish you even as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it, to lead you and share all of life's experiences with you by following God through them. That through His grace, (Name), we might grow together into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

(Bride) And with this ring, I, (Name), take you, (Name). to be my husband, before God who brought us together; to love you, cherish you, to submit myself unto you in all things, and to follow you through all of life's experiences as you follow God. That through His grace we might grow together into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Example 11

(Groom) I, (Name), take you (Name), to be my wedded 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, or the Lord comes for His own, and hereto I pledge you my faithfulness.

(Bride) I, (Name), take you (Name), to be my wedded husband, 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, or the Lord comes for His own, and hereto I pledge you my faithfulness.

#### Example 12

(Groom) I (Name), in faith, honesty and love, take you, (Name), to be my wedded wife, to

share with you God's plan for our lives together united in Christ. And with God's help, to strengthen and guide me I will be a strong spiritual leader for us in our life, for better, for worse, in sickness and in health, in joys and in sorrows, until death do we part. I give you all that I have, myself and my love. (All these things I pledge to thee) In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. With this ring I seal my vow of love to you, (Name), and pray I may fulfill God's place in our home, in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

#### Example 13

(Groom) 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, honor 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 building a Christian home, I will look to Christ as Head of our home as I have looked to Him as Head of the Church. 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 by God's grace, trusting in Him, so long as we both shall live.

(Bride) 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, honor, cherish and obey you always. As we enter upon the privileges and joys of life's most holy relationship and begin together the great adventure of building a Christian home, I will look to you as head of our home as I have looked to Christ as Head of the Church. 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 by God's grace, trusting in Him, so long as we both shall live.

#### Example 14

(Groom) (Name), as we stand before both God and man making public our commitment to one another, I wish to make it known that I recognize God's authority over my life, which is exercised from His loving heart. He has chosen me to be one of His own, and has since been my life. I recognize also that He has blessed me, and entrusted to me your life as an unearned gift. In recognition of these things, I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my wife. I purpose to love you with His love, to provide for your needs through His enablement, and to lead you as He leads me, as long as He gives me life, regardless of circumstances. (Name), I look forward to establishing a home where Christ is glorified. Toward that end I promise to allow God to use you in my life as He sees best in building me into His person. I thank Him for your love and friendship.

(Bride) I (Name), take you, (Name), to be my husband. With the greatest joy I come into my new life with you. Today I am reminded of James 1:17 which says, "Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." Besides the gift of salvation, you are the most precious gift God has given me. I know that along with the new joys God has given me, I face new responsibilities that I cannot fulfill in my own strength. But by God's grace and power working within me, I desire to be trustworthy as your wife, to serve and love you in all circumstances, to obey you, to allow God to use you to build His qualities in me, as long as God give us life on this earth. I praise God continually for you, (Name), and for your love and friendship.

## The Book of Common Prayer

I, (Name) take thee, (Name) 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 or in health, to love and to cherish, 'til death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance; thereto I plight thee my troth. (Thereto I pledge my love).

### Baptist Vows

I, (Name), take thee, (Name), to be my (husband/wife), and before God and these witnesses I promise to be a faithful and true (husband/wife).

### Episcopal Vows 1

I, (Name), take thee, (Name), to be my wedded (husband/wife), to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, 'til death do us part, according to God's ordinance; and thereto I pledge thee my troth.

### Episcopal Vows 2

(Name), I vow to be your faithful (husband/wife), understanding that marriage is a lifelong union, and not to be entered into lightly, for the purpose of mutual fellowship, encouragement and understanding; for the procreation of children and their physical and spiritual nurture. I hereby give myself to you in this cause, with my sacred vow before God.

### Episcopal Vows 3

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

### Episcopal Exchange of Rings

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

Our miracle lies in the path we have chosen together. I enter into this marriage with you knowing that the true magic of love is not to avoid changes, but to navigate them successfully. Let us commit to the miracle of making each day work together.

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.

#### Lutheran Vows 1

I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my (husband/wife), and pledge thee my troth, so long as ye both shall live.

#### Lutheran Vows 2

I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my (husband/wife), 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 better to understand ourselves, the world, and God; through the best and the worst of what is to come as long as we live.

#### Lutheran Vows 3

(Name), our miracle lies in the path we have chosen together. I enter into this marriage with you knowing that the true magic of love is not to avoid changes, but to navigate them successfully. Let us commit until death parts us.

#### Methodist Vows 1

I, (Name), take thee, (Name), to be my (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, and thereto I pledge thee my faith.

#### Methodist Vows 2

I, (Name), take thee, (Name), 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.

### Methodist Vows 3

I, (Name), ask you, (Name), 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 both shall live, both freed and bound by our love.

### United Methodist Declaration of Consent

I take you, (Name), 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.

(Name), you stand before God and this congregation to declare your intent. Will you have this (man/woman) to be your (husband/wife), to live together in a holy marriage? Will you love (him/her), comfort (him/her), honor (him/her), and keep (him/her) in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, be faithful to (him/her) as long as you both shall live?  
(Response: "I will.")

### Presbyterian Vows

I, (Name), take thee, (Name), to be my wedded (husband/wife), and I do promise and covenant, before God and these witnesses, to be thy 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.

### Presbyterian Exchange of Rings

(Name), this ring I give you, in token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love.

### Quaker Vows 1

In the presence of God and these our Friends, I, (Name), take thee to be my (husband/wife), promising with Divine assistance to be unto thee a loving and faithful (husband/wife) as long as we both shall live.

### Quaker Vows 2

On this the Day, Month, in the year of our Lord, Year XXXX A.D., (Name) and (Name),

appeared together, and (Husband Name) taking (Wife Name) by the hand, did, on this solemn and joyous occasion, declare that he took (Wife Name) to be his wife, promising with Divine assistance to be unto her a loving and faithful husband; and then, in the same assembly, (Wife Name), did in like manner declare that she took (Husband Name) to be her husband, promising with Divine assistance, to be unto him a loving and faithful wife. And moreover they, (Husband Name) and (Wife Name), did, as further confirmation thereof, then and there, to this certificate set their hands.

(Husband Name; Wife Name)

And we, having been present at the marriage, have as witnesses hereunto set our hands

### Quaker Vows 3

Whereas (Husband Name) of (Home City and State), son of (Father Name) and (Mother Name), and (Wife Name) of (Home City and State), daughter of (Father Name) and (Mother Name), having declared their intentions of marriage with each other to the (Meeting House Name) monthly meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held at (Town and State of Meetinghouse), their proposed marriage was allowed by that Meeting.

Now this is to certify to whom it may concern, that for the accomplishment of their intentions, this (Day of the Month), in the year of our Lord (Year), they, (Husband Name) and (Wife Name), appeared in a meeting for worship of the Religious Society of Friends, held at (City, State), and (Husband Name), taking (Wife Name) by the hand, did on this solemn occasion, declare that he took her, (Wife Name), to be his wife, promising with Divine assistance to be unto her a loving and faithful husband so long as they both shall live, and then, in the same assemble (Wife Name) did in like manner declare that she took him, (Husband Name), to be her husband, promising with Divine assistance to be unto him a loving and faithful wife so long as they both shall live. And moreover, they, (Husband and Wife Names), did as further confirmation thereof, then and there, to this certificate set their hands.

(Husband Name; Wife Name)

And we having been witnesses present at the marriage have hereunto set our hands.

### Roman Catholic Wedding Vows 1

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 honor 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.

### Roman Catholic Wedding Vows 2

I, (Name), take you, (Name), for my (husband/wife), to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

#### Roman Catholic/Non Catholic 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 honor you all the days of my life.

#### Zion Vows

I, (Name), take thee, (Name), 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, (Name), 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.

#### 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 honor 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.

#### Interfaith Vows

(Name), I have enjoyed the time we've spent talking about what our different faiths mean to us. We have discovered much that we share in common. It is my prayer that the candles we have lit together today in unity will enlighten our path to the future. I promise to honor your traditions as I honor you.

I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my wedded (husband/wife); and I 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.

#### Intercultural 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 honor 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.

#### Romantic 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 honor for others and each other. May our home be forever filled with peace, happiness, and love.

(Name), 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.

(Name), I promise to love you above all others, 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.

(Name), let us be grateful for the capacity to see, feel, hear, and understand. Let us be grateful for this incredible gift of life. Let us be especially grateful for the ties of love which bind us together, giving dignity, meaning, worth, and joy to all our days. This is indeed a day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice in it and be glad, and let us count our many blessings.

(Name), 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.

I take you, (Name), 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.

I 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, and I will love and honor you all the days of my life

(Name), 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.

I, (Name), take you, (Name), 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, and my tenderest care. I pledge to you my life as a loving and faithful (husband/wife).

I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my wedded (husband/wife). To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness or in health, to love and to cherish 'till death do us part. And hereto I pledge you my faithfulness.

(Name), I give you this ring; wear it with love and joy. I choose you to be my partner, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live.

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

On this special day, (Name), 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, 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 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.

I, (Name), take (you/thee), (Name), 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.

I, (Name), ask you, (Name), 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.

(Name), 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.

(Name), I take you to be my (husband/wife), from this time (onward/forward); 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.

(Name), you are my best friend for life. I pledge to honor, 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.

(Name), 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.

I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my partner in marriage and in life. I will love and honor you and take your side; walk with you through life, wherever it may lead. Whatever may come, I promise to be faithful and true, from this day forward.

(Name), I promise to always be patient, honest, and compassionate with you. I will be your best friend, your sweetheart, your helpmate throughout life, always putting you first above my own needs. I promise to live a life that will honor the vows we have spoken, and make you glad to have married me this day.

(Name), you are my once-in-a-lifetime miracle. May our lives intermingle, and our love, grow as we become one. You are all I could ever need in my life; my friend, my lover, my everything. I promise to be faithful to you, to love you, honor you, live with you, and cherish you, according to the commandments of God, in the holy bond of marriage.

(Name), you are a [God's] precious gift to me; my springtime, my hope and my joy. You are everything that's good and pure and true, and I worship you with my mind, body and soul. How blessed I am to be able to say that you are mine, to be able to love and cherish you, for the rest of my days. I vow to always put you first in my life, always be there to comfort you in your sorrow, and rejoice with you in your victories. May our hearts and very breath become one as we unite this day as husband and wife. I promise to be your true love, from this day forward, and forevermore.

(Name), 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.

(Name), 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, honor and cherish you, now and forevermore.

I acknowledge my love for you, (Name), and invite you to share my life as I hope to share yours. I promise to walk by your side, to love, help, and encourage you. I vow to take time to share with you, to listen, and to care. I will share your laughter and your tears as your partner, lover, and friend. I promise always to respect you and honor you as an individual, and to be conscious of your needs. I shall seek, through kindness and compassion, to achieve with you the life we have planned together.

(Name), I commit my love to you this day, for as long as we both shall live. This love is the very flame of [life/God], and may no man dare to quench it. I promise to be faithful to you, to nurture you, to cherish you, and encourage you, with the same care and concern that I give myself. I promise to help you become the person [our Lord] has intended you to be, and throughout our lifetime together, you will always be my beloved and my best friend.

(Name), It is the greatest desire of my heart to be faithful to you, and to love you always, seeking to meet your every need, desiring to help in every way, listening to you, encouraging you, comforting you, and standing by your side, in whatever circumstances may face us in the years ahead. I will respect you, honor you, and strive for harmony in our marriage, with a quiet and gentle spirit.

(Name), I hereby pledge myself to be faithful. I give myself wholly to you this hour, and I promise to guard, cherish, and protect you, all the days of my life.

From this day forward, (Name), 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.

I, (Name), take you (Name), to be my (husband/wife), knowing in my heart that you will be my constant friend, my faithful partner, and my one true love.

(Name), I have finally discovered the meaning of real love. For as long as I live I will love, respect, and honor you. I will be committed to self-growth, and to the growth of our relationship. I promise to be honest and to communicate my needs and feelings, just as I promise to listen to yours. I will be faithful to you in mind, body, and spirit. I will be your friend and life partner, no matter what life brings to us. Today I pledge my commitment to you.

I stand before you, (Name), because you have won my heart through your graciousness. You are my life partner, the one I pledge my life and love to. From this day forward, I

promise to love, respect, and honor you. I will listen to you, and be open and honest with you. I will be your trusted partner, and stand by you through good times and bad. I promise this now, and for all the days of my life.

(Name), I promise to give you the best of myself, and to ask of you no more than you can give. I promise to accept you the way you are. I fell in love with you for the qualities, abilities, and outlook on life that you have, and won't try to reshape you in a different image. I promise to respect you as a person with your own interests, desires, and needs, and to realize that those are sometimes different, but no less important than my own. I promise to keep myself open to you, to let you see through the window of my personal world into my innermost fears and feelings, secrets, and dreams. I promise to grow along with you, to be willing to face change as we both change in order to keep our relationship alive and exciting. And finally, I promise to love you in good times and in bad, with all I have to give, and all I feel inside, in the only way I know how, completely and forever.

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

On this special day, (Name), 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, 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 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.

From this day, on I (Name), choose you, my beloved (Name), to be my (husband/wife). To live with you, and laugh with you. To stand by your side, and sleep in your arms. To be joy to your heart, and food to your soul. To bring out the best in you always. And, for you, to be the most that I can.

I (Name), choose you, (Name), to be my (husband/wife), as my friend, my love, (and [mother/father] of our children). 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. 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.

In the Name of God, I (Name), choose you (Name) to be my (husband/wife); to have and to hold you, to honor you, to treasure you, to be at your side in sorrow and in joy, to suffer with you and to be transformed, and to love and cherish you always.

In the presence of God and before these witnesses, I (Name), take you (Name), to be my partner in life. 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, through the difficult and the easy. Whatever 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.

(Name), the hand that I offer to you is an extension of myself; just as is the warmth and love that we express to each other. Cherish my touch, for you are touching another life. Be sensitive to its pulse, and try to understand and respect its flow and rhythm, just as you do your own.

(Name), I promise to love you with all my heart and mind and strength. I vow to be your best friend and do everything in my power to make you as happy as I am today. I will trust you with my dreams and support you in fulfilling your dreams. I don't know what challenges lie ahead but I know that we will face them together.

(Name), I take you to be my (husband/wife); to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, to love and to cherish, and to be faithful to you alone, as long as we both shall live.

(Name), 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, in joy and in sorrow. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life; this is my promise to you.

I take you (Name), to be my (husband/wife), to laugh with you in joy, to grieve with you in sorrow, to grow with you in love and from this day onward I will share my life with you.

In the presence of God and before our family and friends I, (Name), choose you, (Name), to be my (husband/wife), to have and to hold from this day forward, secure in the knowledge that you will be my constant friend, my faithful partner in life, and my one true love. I promise to share with you in times of joy as in times of trouble; to talk and to listen; to honor and appreciate you; to provide for and support you in trust and in love. I further promise to love you without reservation, comfort you in times of distress, laugh with you and cry with you, grow with you in mind and spirit, and cherish you always.

I, (Name), take you (Name), from this day forward, and into the long forever. To be my beloved, my sweetheart, my darling, my (husband/wife). I promise always to love you, to honor you, to adore you, to give thanks for the gift of your presence. You are the one I admire; you are the one I adore. You are the one I choose to go on with forever, from now until the end of my life.

I (Name). take you (Name), to be my beloved (husband/wife). To live with you and laugh with you. To serve you with my wit my strength my heart. To stand by you always. I promise always to love you, to cherish you, to hold you always in the highest regard, and to die with this love that I have for you untarnished in my heart.

(Name), I commit my life to our partnership in marriage. I promise to comfort you, to encourage you in our journey through life. I promise to express my thoughts and emotions to you and to listen to you in times of joy and in times of sorrow. (Name), I love you, and you are my closest friend. Will you let me share my life and all that I am with you?  
(Response: "I will.")

I (Name), take you (Name), to be my (husband/wife). To laugh with you in joy, to grieve with you in sorrow, to grow with you in love, and to be faithful to you alone, as long as we both shall live.

(Name), I promise to love you with all my heart and mind and strength. I vow to be your best friend and do everything in my power to make you as happy as I am today. I will trust you with my dreams and support you in fulfilling yours. In sickness and in health, in failure and in triumph, I will cherish and respect you, comfort and encourage you, as long as we shall live. Before us lies an open road, filled with adventure and love and I choose to spend

today, and all of my tomorrow's, with you as my friend, my love (and the [mother/father] of our children).

I, (Name), take you (Name), to be my (husband/wife), and companion of my days. 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.

I, (Name), take you (Name), to be no other than yourself. Loving what I know of you, trusting what our future will bring to us. What so ever life may bring to you, I will be at your side, for all the risings and settings of the sun, for all the days of fullness and in barren times. In the foreknowledge of joy and pain, strength and weariness, I pledge myself to deepening in love and understanding as long as love remains. My commitment is made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope and eternally made anew.

(Name), I take you to be my lawfully wedding (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 your strengths, as I offer myself to you with my faults and my strengths. I will help you when you need help, and will turn to you when I need help. I choose you as the person with whom I will spend my life.

I, (Name), choose you (Name), 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.

I, (Name), pledge to you (Name), as my friend, my love, and my companion, to love, honor and cherish you, as long as we both shall live

I (Name), in the Name of the spirit of God, that resides within us all, and the love that resides within my heart, take you (Name) to my hand, my heart, and my spirit, to be my chosen one. I promise to love you wholly and completely without restraint, in sickness and in health, in plenty and in poverty, in life and beyond, where we shall meet, remember and love again. I shall not seek to change you in any way. I shall respect you, your beliefs, your people, and your ways as I respect myself. This is my solemn vow.

(Name), in the presence of our dear family and friends, I pledge to be your (husband/wife) from this day forward. 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 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 tomorrow's, with you.

In the presence of our family and friends, I (Name), choose you (Name) to be my (husband/wife). To laugh with you in joy, to grieve with you in sorrow, to grow with you in love, to be faithful to you alone, as long as we both shall live.

I, (Name), take you (Name), to be my (husband/wife). To have and to hold from this day forward. For better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; in joy and in sorrow; to love and to cherish; and to be faithful to you alone, as long as we both shall live.

(Name), in the presence of God and before these witnesses, I take you to be (husband/wife). I give you my hand, I give you my love, and I give you myself. I pledge to stand by you as long as we live. Come, travel with me, and share the road both when it is hard and when it easy.

In the presence of our family and friends I, (Name), take you (Name), to be my (husband/wife). To laugh with you in joy; to grieve with you in sorrow; to grow with you in love; and to be faithful to you alone, as long as we both shall live.

I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my (wife/husband), knowing in my heart that you will always be my friend, my partner in life and my one true love. I give to you my promise to stay by your side as your (husband/ wife), and to cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

(Name), I love you, and on this day I wed you. I love you for making me good, happy and whole. Because, (Name), that is what you do. Just by being yourself. Such a simple thing, but no one else in the world can do it. Only you, (Name), forever.

(Name), 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.

I (Name), take you (Name), to be my wedded (husband/wife). I will love, honor, and cherish you. In all that lies before us, I pledge my faith to you, as long as we both shall live.

I (Name), take you (Name), to be my wedded (husband/wife); I shall seek to love you, even more than to be loved. In all of life's joys and challenges, I shall be your devoted (husband/wife). This promise is sure, as long as we both shall live. [Adapted from the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi]

(Name), I love you. You are the one I want to spend the rest of my life with. By all that we hold sacred, I promise my faith and devotion to you. I take you to be my (husband/wife).

(Name), I am yours, and you are mine. I pledge my faith and devotion to you. Where you go, I will go, until one of us lay the other in the arms of the Lord. [Adapted from the Book of Ruth]

My beloved (Name), 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.

I (Name), take you (Name), to by 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, 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 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.

Eskimo Love Song (author unknown) "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."

### **Vows for Second Marriages**

(Name), we take our vows together today. We will be changed forever, and I take them gladly, and without reservation. I promise to honor you, believe in you, protect you, and do everything in my power to make your life happy and fulfilled. This is my promise. Take my hand as we go with joy into our new life together.

I am proud to marry you this day, (Name). I promise to wipe away your tears with my laughter, and your pain with my caring and my compassion. We will wipe out the old canvases of our lives, and let [God, with His amazing artistic talent], fill them with new color, harmony and beauty. I give myself to you completely, and I promise to love you always, from this day forth.

(Name), [Life/God] has given us a second chance at happiness. I come today to give you my love, to give you my heart and my hope for our future together. I promise to bring you joy, to be at home with your spirit, and to learn to love you more each day, through all the days of our lives. My love for you is endless and eternal.

Because of you, (Name), 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.

As we stand beside the ocean tide, (Name), may our love always be as constant and unchanging as these never-ending waves that pour beneath our feet, flowing endlessly from the depths of the sea. Your love came softly upon my heart, just as the foam comes softly upon the sand, and just as there will never be a morning without the ocean's flow, so there will never be a day without my love for you. I pledge myself to you this day. Our love will be as unchanging and dependable as the tide. As these waters nourish the earth and sustain life, may my constant devotion nourish and sustain you until the end of time.

Today, as I give myself to you, (Name), my mind is clear, and my commitment is strong and without reservation. I take you to be my life's partner. I will never leave you nor forsake you; I will spend all my days at your side. We will share a lifetime of eternal, immeasurable love.

(Name), today I commit myself to years of growth and sharing, as I encourage you to move in a 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 to you as I am, and as I will be, and I will do it for all of my life.

Respecting each other, (Name), we now 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.

(Name), may our days be long, and may they be seasoned with love, understanding, and respect.

Now we stand together; (Name). May it always be so. I offer myself to you today. I will always love you, respect you, and be faithful to you.

(Name), 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.

(Name), 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.

(Name), 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.