

Wedding Vow Options

(It is important that the bride and groom, each, say the same vow to one other in turn, claiming for the marriage a vision and hope to be mutually honored by both husband and wife. The statements below are written as if the groom is saying them; simply exchange words such as husband/wife , him/her, etc. for the other to change the vow so it is appropriate for the bride to say.)

I, _____, make my commitment to you, _____, to be your husband, with all the commitment God requires and hopes for this relationship from this day forward. I will love you always and be faithful to you, when we are together and when we are apart, when life is peaceful and when it is in disorder. I will give you the freedom to be creative. I will honor your goals and dreams and help you to fulfill them. I will seek to be open and honest with you in all things. This commitment I make in love, will keep in faith, and will live in hope as long as we both shall live.

I, _____, ask you _____ to be my wife, and I promise to love and sustain you in the bonds of marriage from this day forward, in sickness and in health, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, till death shall part us, according to God's holy ways.

_____, will you take _____ to be your wedded wife, to live together according to God's ordinance, in the holy relationship of marriage? Will you love and comfort her, respect and listen to her, honour and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, remain faithful to her, so long as you both shall live?

_____, will you have this woman to be your wife, and will you pledge your loyalty to her, in all love and honour, in all duty and service, in all faith and tenderness, to live with her, and cherish her, according to the will of God, in the holy bond of marriage?

I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness, in health, to love and to cherish as long as we both shall live.

_____, wilt thou take this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together according to God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, remain faithful unto her, so long as you both shall live?

response: I will.

An additional vow option when children are already a part of this relationship

This new family which is being formed here today will consist of more than just _____ (man) and _____ (woman). Also intimately involved in the relationship will be _____ (child[ren]'s name[s]). It is, therefore, appropriate she/he/they be involved in the vows which unite this family together.

_____ (child[ren]'s name[s]), I would like to invite you to come up here at this time to stand with your mom/dad and _____ (name of other partner in marriage).

(child[ren] walks up to stand between bride and groom, in front of Pastor)

_____, _____ (man), will you commit yourselves to the task of parenthood? Will you promise to love _____ (child[ren]), to support him/her/them and help him/her/them to grow, physically and emotionally and spiritually? Will you strive to do everything necessary so he/she/they is/are included in all that it means to be a family together?

If so, will you respond by saying, "we do."

(bride and groom respond by saying) "WE DO!"

(Pastor talks with child[ren], kneeling down if child[ren] is younger)

_____ (child[ren]), you have been a part of this relationship with
_____ (woman) and _____ (man) for some time now.

Today that relationship moves to a new level of commitment, and you will continue to be a very important part of the relationship in this new form.

Just a moment ago you heard the promises which _____ (man) and
_____ (woman) made, both to each other and also to you.

Now I need to ask you some important questions, also:

Will you, _____ (child[ren]), promise to accept _____ as your dad, and to love him, even as you continue to love your mother? (or some other form depending upon who the biological parent is)

Will you seek to cooperate with them as they struggle with the sometimes difficult, but rewarding task of being loving parents?

Will you strive to do all you can so that you can truly be a family together?

If so, will you respond by saying, "I will."

(child[ren] respond[s] saying) "I/WE WILL!"

(Pastor invites child to sit back down and then pastor stands back up if pastor was kneeling)