

Marriage vows – Multiple

Options

In weddings doen by Kola you have the option of choosing how you would like to do your marriage vows

1. The marriage officer asks whether you promise to (marriage vow) and you say “I DO”
2. You write your own marriage vows (or choose from the one below) and the marriage officer reads it, and your repeat it after him, while looking your partner in the eyes
3. You write your own marriage vows (or choose) and reads or receites it to your partner.

In order to assist you in making your day extra-special, we have included a number of options you can use when saying your vows to each other and when giving and receiving your rings. You may choose any of the options or you can mix and match ideas as you please. You may also feel that you wish to write your own vows for each other, in which case you are free to do so as long as they are acceptable to the marriage officer and provided to him prior to the service.

Traditional Full Ceremony (Revised)

Declaration of Marriage Vows

OPENING STATEMENT

Dearly Beloved: We are gathered here, in the presence of God and of this company, that **ANDREW** and **ELIZABETH** may be united in holy matrimony. We are here to celebrate and share in the glorious act that God is about to perform - the act by which He converts their love for one another into the holy and sacred estate of marriage.

This relationship is an honorable and sacred one, established by our Creator for the welfare and happiness of humankind, and approved by the Apostle Paul as honorable among all men. It is designed to unite two sympathies and hopes into one; and it rests upon the mutual confidence and devotion of husband and wife.

May it be in extreme thoughtfulness and reverence, and in dependence upon divine guidance, that you enter now into this holy relationship."

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

"The apostle Paul compared the relationship between husband and wife to that between Christ and the church. Marriage is a decision of two individuals to share the same type of pure, Christian love described by Paul."

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails....

"This kind of love enriches each part of life and marriage enriches love. Two lives, shared with this kind of love, can hold more fulfillment and happiness than either life alone."

1. **ROBIN** do you declare that, as far as you know, there is no lawful impediment against your proposed marriage to **LESLEY**. Do you accept all those present as witnesses that you are taking her as your lawfully wedded wife? What is your answer?
2. **LESLEY** do you declare that, as far as you know, there is no lawful impediment against your proposed marriage to **ROBIN**. Do you accept all those present as witnesses that you are taking him as your lawfully wedded husband? What is your answer?

GROOM & BRIDE: “Yes”

GIVE EACH OTHER YOUR RIGHT HAND

GROOM

ROBIN do you take **LESLEY** to be your wife, to live together according to the instructions in God's Word? Do you promise to love her, comfort her, honor and keep her in times of health and in sickness, and forsaking all other woman, Do you promise to be totally committed to her as long as you both shall live?

Groom answers: I do

3. BRIDE

LESLEY do you take **ROBIN** to be your husband, to live together according to the instructions in God's Word? Do you promise to love him, comfort him, honor and keep him in times of health and in sickness and forsaking all other men, do you promise to be totally committed to him as long as you both shall live?

Bride answers: I do

ROBIN in the presence of God and all these witnesses, make your vows to **LESLEY** by saying after me:

"I, **ROBIN**, take thee, **LESLEY**, 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. According to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge thee my faith."

LESLEY in the presence of God and all these witnesses, make your vows to **ROBIN** by saying after me:

"I, **LESLEY**, take thee, **ROBIN**, 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. According to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge thee my faith."

4. RINGS:

The Bride & Bridegroom will now confirm their vows by the giving of a ring, the token and pledge of their love and allegiance to each other.

"It is a Christian custom to exchange rings as a symbol of love.

As the rings have no end so, your love should have no end. As the rings are made of gold symbolizing purity, so should your marriage have purity. As often as either of you see them, you will be reminded of this moment and the endless love you promised."

GROOM AND BRIDE REPEAT

This ring symbolizes the unending union of my life with yours. Your dreams are now my dreams, Your hopes are my hopes. Your fears are my concerns. Your affection is my joy, Your love is my blessing.

DECLARATION OF THE MARRIAGE

"What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder. Forasmuch as **ROBIN** and **LESLEY** have consented together in holy matrimony, and have witnessed the same before God and this company and have pledged their love and loyalty to each other, and have declared the same by the joining and the giving of rings, I, therefore, pronounce that you are husband and wife, in the name of The Father and The Son and The Holy Spirit."

"You may now kiss the Bride."

PRESENTATION: "I now present to you Mr. and Mrs. **HARRISON**

Special Christian Vows

BRIDEGROOM:

“Today I choose to unite myself to God and to you as my wife. I confirm that God gave you to me as my bride. My wish is to be a good husband to you, the kind that Jesus Christ wants me to be. I pledge to unite myself to you as long as we live, to love you, to be your loyal friend and partner. I will be slow to see your mistakes and quick to see your good qualities. I will be your servant. I truly love you and therefore pledge myself to be yours forever. I reject the possibility of divorce as an escape when things get rough or if I’m unhappy and bind myself to you and to God through all conflict and problems knowing that God’s power will overcome and will help us to work through these times. By the grace and power of God, my daily living will confirm my covenant with you.”

BRIDE:

“Today I choose to unite myself to God and to you as my husband. I confirm that God gave you to me as my bridegroom. It is my wish to be a good wife, the kind that Jesus Christ wants me to be. I pledge to unite myself to you, to love you and to be your uninhibited lover, to provide for your needs and to be your loyal partner and friend. I will be patient with your shortcomings and be quick to appreciate your successes and not to criticize. I will support you with my prayers and love. I will be your servant. I truly love you and therefore pledge myself to you forever. I reject the possibility of divorce as an escape when things get rough or if I’m unhappy and bind myself to you and to God through all conflict and problems knowing that God’s power will overcome and will help us to work through these times. By the grace and power of God, my daily living will confirm my covenant with you”

Non Traditional

I promise to be your lover, companion and friend, your partner in Parenthood, your ally in conflict, your greatest fan and your toughest Adversary, your comrade in adventure, your student and teacher. Your Consolation in disappointment. Your accomplice in mischief. Your Strength in need and vulnerable to you in my own. To share with you a relationship of love, tenderness and of laughter. **ADRI**, I love you and you are my closest friend. Will you let me share my life and all that I am with you.

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PERSONAL VOWS

Vows

I, Sean, ask you, Jacqui,
to be my equal partner,
my one and only lover,
my greatest friend and my wife.
I declare to you and our friends and family
my promise to give you my deepest love
whether we are rich or poor,
weak or healthy,
whether we act with love
or forget who we are,
I will look for the light of love within you
in whatever moments of darkness we face

and to support you in every way
that builds you up and brings you joy.

I, Jacqui, ask you, Sean,
to be my equal partner,
my one and only lover,
my greatest friend and my husband.
I declare to you and our friends and family
my promise to give you my deepest love
whether we are rich or poor,
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Vow Options

Option 1

I call upon these people present to witness that I ___ take you ___ to be my wife/husband. To share with you a relationship of love, of tenderness and of laughter. I will stand by you through all our tomorrows, respecting you as a person, Your individuality, your needs and changes. Moreover, enjoy your love for as long as we live.

Option 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 for worse, For richer for poorer, In sickness and in health, To love and to cherish, Until we are parted by death, This is my solemn vow.

Option 3

I commit my life to our partnership in marriage. I promise to comfort you, to encourage you in all walks of 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. ___ I love you, and you are my closest friend. Will you let me share my life and all that I am with you?

Option 4

I promise to give you my love. To accept and cherish your love. To help you when you need me. I promise to be your faithful husband / wife in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health.

Option 5

I promise you ___ that I will be your loving and loyal husband / wife. From now on and I will share with you all life's joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain, until we are parted by death.

Option 6

I _ take you _ to be my wedded husband. 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 to you, in the presence of God and these witnesses. My promise to stay by your side as your faithful wife / husband, In sickness and in health, In joy and in sorrow 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. Moreover, cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

Option 7

I affirm the special bond and unique relationship that exists between us and promise to keep it alive always.

Option 8

I promise to love, respect and honor you. Sharing your plans and interests, ideals and emotions. Through all the trials and tribulations of life. As well as the joyous times, caring for you in lifelong commitment.

Option 9

I promise to be your confidante, always ready to share your hopes, dreams and secrets.

Option 10

I promise before God and these witnesses to be your faithful husband/wife. To share with you in plenty and in want, In joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health. And to join with you so that together we may serve God and others as long as we both shall live.

Option 11

I take you to be my spouse, to share this journey with you as my partner. I will cherish and respect you in happiness and in troubled times alike. I will seek you for love, counsel and support in good times and times of trial. I will share with you my gladness and my sorrow, my triumph and my failures. In God's grace, I will love and honor you always with all of my heart and be faithful to you all the days of my life

Option 12.

(Name) I have prayed for you as my wife and as God has truly answered my prayers, I praise and thank Him for His faithfulness, for I have delighted in knowing you and loving you. I look forward to being your Christian husband, for as long as we both shall live. I will love you as Christ loved the church and died for her. I will love you during the good times and the difficult times for we know the Lord is our Savior and our guide. You shall always be my bride and I give myself to you this day.

(name) I thank God for a man such as you, strong in the faith of the Lord, loving the Word, I know that it has been the will of God to bring us together to this day and I praise God for His goodness to me in bringing you to my side. I will love you and will submit to you as to the Lord. I give myself to you this day.

Option 13

Being here with my family and friends, I am not afraid to promise you that I will always be there for you. That I will look after you no matter what times will bring. I promise you here and now, witnessed by everybody that I will love you forever and that I will respect your ways and most of all. I promise you that I will be your best friend.

Option 14

I promise to share my life with you, To speak truthfully to you And to respect you as an individual. I will be kind, unselfish and trusting. I promise to love you through good fortune and adversity. And most of all I promise that I will be your best friend.

Option 15

I promise to be your lover, companion and friend. Your partner in parenthood. Your ally in conflict. Your greatest fan and your toughest adversary. Your comrade in adventure. Your student and your teacher. Your consolation in disappointment. Your accomplice in mischief. Your strength in your need and vulnerable to you in my own. And most of all your associate in the search for enlightenment.

Option 16

I take ___ my friend to be my wife / husband. Promising with God's help to be a long and faithful Wife/husband as long as both of us live.

Option 17

I _ ask you _ to be my wife/husband And faithfully promise that I will be a true wife/husband to you. I will honor and love you. I will work for you. I will protect you, support you and provide all that is necessary to sustain you as is fit for a husband/wife to do. I also take upon myself all obligations for our maintained life together.

Option 18

___, 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 we are parted by death.

Option 19

___, I covenant with you, to be your husband / wife. I offer you my love and support through out all of our lives. 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 towards the same goal. I give myself,

as I am and as I will be and I do it for all of my life.

Option 20 (for marriage later in life)

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. Encourage you in sickness and in health. It is my intent that our life together includes our large circle of friends and loving families. We will treasure the memories of our individual paths and create our own new life as we go now together.

Option 22

Since I have found you ___, I have found a new life. The decision to commit to share that life with you is one I make it happily and with full confidence in our love. ___let us be husband and wife.

Option 23

I pledge in honesty and sincerity to be for you a faithful and loving wife/husband.

Option 24

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.

Option 25

I walked to this place to meet you today. We shall walk from it together come health, come happiness and prosperity. I will stand with you, come illness, trouble, poverty

Option 26 (Inter-Cultural)

Our love has opened windows to the world we lived in as children. I have found profound respect for your heritage, but I am not a 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 most of all, you.

Option 27 (to Step-Children)

___I love your mother/father as much as you do and today he/she will become my wife/husband. But I also want you to know that I love you too. I invite you into my heart and I want to be your daddy/mommy. The three of us will have many years together and a happy and loving family.

Option 28:

I call upon these persons present to witness that I, (Name), take thee (name), to be lawful wedded wife/husband and so: Day by Day, I promise: to love you and to honor you, to treasure you and to respect you, To walk with you, in joy and in sorrow.

Day by day I promise, to hold you in my arms, to grow with you in truth, to laugh with you and to cry with you, to be with you and to love you with all that I am and all that I shall become. This I promise you from the depth of my heart, my mind and my soul, for all our life together.

Option 29:

From this moment I “**Daron**” give myself to you “**Sahron** ” to be your husband. I promise to love you unselfishly and to always take good care of you as God has commanded me to do. I also promise to treat you with respect as a son / daughter of God and to appreciate you as God’s gift to enrich my life.

Personalized Vow

written by Alan Johnson

I love you.

I pledge to grow in my Love for you.

I pledge to nurture our Love for it is loving you that nurtures my soul.

I pledge to share our Love together as One.

I love you because you are the only one for me.

To know you is to know Love

- and through you, know True Love.

I love you because you are the One who completes me.

I can not know union without you

- for it is by joining you that I learn
about Love's union and where it comes from.

I love you because it is my soul mission in Life to learn our Love.
I do not so much seek to heal you,
but to embrace our Love that fills our Life as a way of healing each other.
I see your Love for me in your eyes and I see what freedom is,
what True Love is.

I promise to support your growth and share the fullness of myself.
I promise to honor you by being open to all the expressions of your inner self.
I promise to allow our Love we share become our Prayer we live.
Above all, I promise to be true to you and true to myself
so that we may grow in our Love that joins us as one.

If the Eagle is the symbol of freedom born out of True Love,
then I am one wing and you are equally the other.
Let us fly together in harmony and may
gentle winds carry us all the way to Heaven.

Other options:

Exchange of Vows

submitted by Jeanette Bursey LeBlanc

I, [Groom's name], take you [Bride's name], to be my wife, my partner in life and my one true love.
I will cherish our friendship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever.
I will trust you and honor you
I will laugh with you and cry with you.
I will love you faithfully
Through the best and the worst,
Through the difficult and the easy.
What 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
I, [Bride's name], take you [Groom's name], to be my husband, my partner in life and my one true love.
I will cherish our friendship and love you today,
tomorrow, and forever
I will trust you and honor you
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Through the best and the worst,
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What may come I will always be there.
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So I give you my life to keep
So help me God

In unison:

Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you,
For where you go I will go,
and where you stay I will stay
Your people will be my people,
and your God will be my God.
And where you die, I will die and there I will be buried.
May the Lord do with me and more if anything but death parts you from me.

Union of Love

submitted by Donna Davis

We will forever love one another and to share our most intimate thoughts.

Promise to hold and cherish and value each other.

We will live each day as if our last, vowing to never go to bed angry.

If sorrow enters our life as things sometimes do ,we pledge to one another that together we will see things through.

As we grow old and we slowly begin to change we will look into each others eyes and know that what we have will never go.

That with each breath we take ,our love will grow .

These are the words I feel and speak from my heart.

Passages written by William Shakespeare

...Love is not love

Which alters when it alteration finds,

Or Bends with the remover to remove.

O, no! It is an ever-fixed mark,

That looks on tempests and is never shaken.

It is the star to every wandering bark,

whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.

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So they lov'd as love in twain

Had the essence but in one;

Two distinct, divisions none...

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My bounty is as deep boundless as the sea. My love as deep;

The more I give to thee, the more I have, for both are infinite.

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One half of me is yours, the other half yours-

Mine own, I would say; but if mine, then yours,

And so all yours!

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Love comforteth like sunshine after rain.

Love sought is good, but given unsought is better.

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Such is my love, to thee I so belong,

That for thy right myself will bear all wrong.

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For thy sweet love remember'd such Wealth brings,

That then I scorn to change my state with kings

Non-traditional Vows

(great guides to personalizing your own vows)

I come here today, (name), 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.

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Today, (name), I join my life to yours, not merely as your (husband/wife),  
but 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.

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(Name), with free and unconstrained soul,

I give you all I am and all I am to become.

Take this ring, and with it my promise of faith, patience, and love,
for the rest of my life.

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What have I to give you, (name)?

The promise to take you as my only love from this day forward,

to stand by your side, to listen when you speak,

to comfort you when you cry,

and to join your laughter with my own.

Take this ring, and be my (husband/wife)

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As freely, (name), as God has given me life,

I join my life with yours.

Wherever you go, I will go;

whatever you face, I will face.

For good or ill, in happiness or sadness,

come riches or poverty,

I take you as my (husband/wife), and will give myself to no other

Exchange of Vows

submitted by Jeanette Bursley LeBlanc

Groom

I, [Groom's name], take you [Bride's name], to be my wife, my partner in life and my one true love.

I will cherish our friendship and love you today, tomorrow, and forever.

I will trust you and honor you

I will laugh with you and cry with you.

I will love you faithfully

Through the best and the worst,

Through the difficult and the easy.

What 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

Bride

I, [Bride's name], take you [Groom's name], to be my husband, my partner in life and my one true love.
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 So I give you my life to keep
 So help me God
 In unison:
 Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you,
 For where you go I will go,
 and where you stay I will stay
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 and your God will be my God.
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 As we grow old and we slowly begin to change we will look into each others eyes and know that what we have will never go.
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 but 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.

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 The promise to take you as my only love from this day forward,  
 to stand by your side, to listen when you speak,  
 to comfort you when you cry,

and to join your laughter with my own.  
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I join my life with yours.

Wherever you go, I will go;
whatever you face, I will face.

For good or ill, in happiness or sadness,
come riches or poverty,

I take you as my (husband/wife), and will give myself to no other

SAMPLE WEDDING VOWS
(From www.bible.org)

Sample One:

Male: I, _____, take you, _____, 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.

Female: I, _____, take you, _____, 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. _____, 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.

Sample Two:

Male: I love you, _____, 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.

Female: I love you, _____ and I know that you love me. Because of this I desire to be your wife. For _____ 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. _____, I submit myself to you.

Sample Three:

Male: I _____, take you _____, 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.

Female: I, _____, take you _____, 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.

Sample Four:

Male: _____, 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.

Female: _____, 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.

Sample Five:

Male: _____, 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, _____, 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, _____, my friend and my love. Today I give to you me.

Female: _____, 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, _____, 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.

Sample Six:

Male: _____, 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.

Female: _____, 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 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.

Sample Seven:

Male: _____, 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, _____ 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 34:3 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."

Female: On this special day, _____, 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, _____, 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.

Sample Eight:

Male: _____, 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.

Female: _____, 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.

Sample Nine:

Male: I, _____, take you _____ 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, _____, we might grow together into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Female: And with this ring, I, _____, take you, _____ 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.

Sample Ten:

Male: I, _____, take you _____, 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.

(The Minister will quietly suggest they loose hands; then the Woman with her right hand will take the right hand of the Man and repeat).

Female: I, _____, take you _____, 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 land to cherish, till death do us part, or the Lord comes for His own, and hereto I pledge you my faithfulness.

Sample Eleven:

Male: I _____, in faith, honesty and love, take you, _____, 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, _____ and pray I may fulfill God's place in our home, in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Sample Twelve:

Male: I love you, _____, 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, & 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.

Female: I love you, _____, 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.

Sample Thirteen (sample of personally written vows):

Male: _____, 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, _____, take you, _____, 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. _____, 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.

Female: I _____, take you, _____, 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, _____, and for your love and friendship.