



Inspiration for your Vows

The Legal Stuff

Marriage vows are promises each partner in a couple makes to the other during a wedding ceremony. Your vows are a very important as it is a legal requirement of all marriage ceremonies that you say certain words to each other. You can get creative after you have said 'the legals' but you are required to say your full legal name and your partner's full legal name, along with the words below for your marriage to be legal in Australia:

I **call upon/ask** the **people/persons** here present
to witness that I, <Full Name> take **thee/you** <Full Name>
to be my lawful wedded **husband/wife**.

The only variations you can make are the words in bold for which you choose one or the other. Following 'the legals', you can get as creative and heartfelt as you wish with your wedding vows!

You do not have to say your legal vows into a microphone if you are uncomfortable with that. Only the Celebrant and your two witnesses must hear them.

Suggested Celebrant Introduction to vows

Your choices, your words and your actions will show each other how you feel every day you are together.

Your promises today are some of the most special and powerful words you will ever say to each other.

Take a breath, look at the person you adore and appreciate this moment as you make your vows to each other.

As you exchange vows, you will give each other a ring to symbolise the promises you are making today.

What to include in your Personal Vows

Tell your partner that you love them.

Tell them some or all of the reasons why you love them.

Tell them how they make you feel.

Tell them what you have enjoyed most about your life together so far (you can include any funny and/or romantic stories – the guests love those, but don't feel under any pressure to entertain people)

Tell them what your hopes and dreams are for the future.

Whatever you choose to say, if it is from your heart, it will be perfect.

You do not have to say your Personal Vows into a microphone. You can choose to say them only to your partner. If you wish, I will politely tell guests that this is going to take place and ask them to respect your privacy.

Vows of Love & Devotion

I choose you 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.

<Name>, you mean more to me than words can say, today and every day.
I promise that I will always be by your side to love you, care for you and comfort you.
I will be your husband/wife, your best friend and companion every day of my life.
Thank you for being the person who hears my thoughts, understands my dreams, embraces
and shares my geeky side, brings happiness to my heart and completes me.
You are everything I could ever have dreamt of and more and I will always be here for you.

I promise that I will love you, care for you and comfort you for all the days of our lives.
I will be your wife/husband, your best friend, your companion and your lover.
I give you my strength, my patience, my devotion and my heart.
Now and always, for all the days of our lives together.

I take you to be my best friend, my faithful partner and my one true love. I promise to
encourage you and inspire you and to love you truly through good times and bad. I will
forever be there to laugh with you, to lift you when you are down and to love you
unconditionally through all our adventures in life together.

I, the luckiest man/woman in the world, stand here ready to take you to be my
wife/husband, best friend, and lifelong partner in marriage. My love for you has grown every
single day and will continue to grow deeper as we grow old together.

I love the wonderful life that we have built. Our adventure so far has been absolutely
amazing and I cannot wait to experience all that lies in front of us. You are the best thing I
never knew I needed!

I promise to give you the best future I can. I will always be open and honest, and vow to
listen, support and give guidance, even in the hard times, but also to have fun, always laugh
and enjoy life with you!

I'm so proud to be able to call you my wife/husband and best friend. I vow to love you
forever. You are My Love, My Life, My Everything.

Vows that are a little bit poetic...

Where the river meets the ocean , I will be there;
When the sun shines through the clouds, Let me dissolve the fear.

When the storms of life surround you, over and over again;
When hurt and pain assail you, simply call my name.

Let me be your comfort, In your hour of need
Know I walk beside you, And let that be your creed.
Keep me in your heart, So together we'll always be.

Joined as one for ever more, From now to eternity.

Comfortable and inviting, It's where I want to be.
It's where I go when I feel low, To help replenish me.

It's safe, and yet exciting, the place I love the most.
It makes me want to never leave; To always keep it close.

It holds so much potential, my favourite place I've been.
It's warm and super cosy. The place of all my dreams.

I love the way it feels, so familiar and secure.
It seems quite clear, what I have here, some search a lifetime for.

And I can be myself here, Without pretence or fuss.
Some people call it home, But I simply call it us.

Once in a lifetime, you find someone who touches not only your heart but also your soul.
You discover someone who stands beside you, but not over you.
You find someone who loves you for who you are and not for who you could be.
Once in a lifetime, if you are lucky
You find someone as we have found each other.

Today, I offer you my heart and my hands.

These are the hands that will love you.
These are the hands that will hold and comfort you through the years.
These are the hands that will give you support and encouragement.
These are the hands that we will each work with, create with, and use to build a life together.

We hold in our own hands the power to make each other happy for a lifetime.

So take my hand, my heart and my life. They are yours now and forever.

Love Quotes

- ♥ Because of you, I laugh louder, cry less, smile more and feel loved more than words can say.
- ♥ Love is what happens when two hearts find their happy place right beside each other.
- ♥ A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.
- ♥ You are my today and all of my tomorrows.
- ♥ Don't marry someone you can live with. Marry someone that you can't live without.
- ♥ Home is wherever I am with you.
- ♥ Love is standing by each other's side on the good days. And standing even closer on the bad days.
- ♥ We are all a little weird and life's a little weird and when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall in mutual weirdness and call it love ~ Dr Seuss
- ♥ When someone else's happiness is your happiness, that is love.
- ♥ In all the world, there is no heart for me like yours. In all the world, there is no love for you like mine.
- ♥ Together is a beautiful place to be.
- ♥ From this day forward, you shall not walk alone, your heart shall be my shelter and my arms will be your home.
- ♥ Once in a while, right in the middle of an ordinary life, love gives us a fairytale.
- ♥ It's not going to be easy. It's going to be really hard. We're going to have to work at this every day but I want to do that because I want you. I want all of you forever, every day.
- ♥ You are my every season, every hope and every dream I've ever had and no matter what happens to use in the future, everyday we are together is the greatest day of my life. I will always be yours ~ The Notebook
- ♥ You and me. It's a forever kind of thing.
- ♥ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails ~ I Corinthians 13:7-8
- ♥ This day, I will marry my best friend. The one I laugh with, live for, dream with and love.
- ♥ Every love story is beautiful but ours is my favourite.
- ♥ You are my sun, my moon and all of my stars
- ♥ I loved you yesterday, I love you still. I always have, I always will.
- ♥ If I know what love is, it's because of you.
- ♥ Remember today, because it is the beginning of always.
- ♥ Grow old with me – the best is yet to be.
- ♥ Being someone's first love may be great, but to be their last is beyond perfect.
- ♥ You complete me.
- ♥ You are my love for eternity. I blend my life, my hopes, my happiness and my dreams with yours.
- ♥ A perfect marriage is two imperfect people refusing to give up on each other.
- ♥ I saw that you were perfect so I loved you. Then I saw that you were imperfect and I loved you even more.

- ♥ We were written in the stars, my love. All that separated us was time – the time it took to read the map which was placed within our hearts, to find our way to each other.
- ♥ You are the sun in my day, the wind in my sky, the waves in my ocean and the best in my heart.
- ♥ I choose you. And I'll choose you over and over and over. Without pause, without a doubt, in a heartbeat. I'll keep choosing you.
- ♥ No measure of time with you will be long enough, but let's start with forever.
- ♥ Love is like a friendship caught on fire.
- ♥ Love begins in a moment, grows over time and lasts an eternity.
- ♥ When I am with you, the only place I want to be is closer.
- ♥ Faith makes all things possible. Love makes all things easy.
- ♥ If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day so I never have to live without you ~ A.A. Milne
- ♥ It's amazing how someone walks into your life and suddenly you can't remember how you lived without them.
- ♥ Today I give you my heart, please give yours to me. We'll lock them up together and throw away the key.
- ♥ Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the world worthwhile.
- ♥ When I look at you, I can feel it. I look at you and I'm home.
- ♥ Any day spent with you is my favourite day. Today is my new favourite day.
- ♥ I swear I couldn't love you more than I do right now and yet I know I will tomorrow.
- ♥ You are the finest, loveliest, tenderest and most beautiful person I have every know and even that is an understatement.
- ♥ Love is sweet when it's new but it is even sweeter when it's true.
- ♥ You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams.
- ♥ Ultimately, it all comes down to who you want to own a dog with.
- ♥ There is only one true happiness in life ~ to love and to be loved.
- ♥ I've fallen in love many times....always with you.
- ♥ I know I'm going to love being married. It's great to find one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.
- ♥ To the world you may be just one person, but to me, you are the world.
- ♥ I'm better than I was, more than I am, and all of this happened, by taking your hand.
- ♥ By the way, I'm wearing the smile you gave me.

Some real vows that I loved

Millie,

I wish I could stand up here and promise you the world, but unfortunately the world is not mine to give. What I can promise you though, is my world. And all that it entails. My love, support, passion, compassion and enthusiasm.

You have shown me what true love really is. You make me feel like I can be my complete self around you, even though I can be exceptionally weird. You love me for who I am and look past all of my flaws. You honestly make me the happiest man alive.

I vow to respect, admire, cherish and appreciate you for who you are, all that you are, and the person you wish to become.

I vow to stay faithful to you and only you. Because to me, there is no other.

I vow to nurture and protect your freedom, even though our lives are intertwined, your choices are still yours alone.

I vow to support your goals and ambitions, to stay by your side through misfortune, and to celebrate in your triumphs.

I vow to keep our lives exciting, adventurous and humorous. To build our family with puppy dogs, and to hopefully have children who can follow in our footsteps. I will try my best to be a brave, caring and loving father.

I vow to love and care for you and will try in every way possible to be worthy of your love. I will always be honest, kind, forgiving, considerate and patient, yes, even through all of your stubbornness.

Finally, I promise to love you unconditionally, through sickness and in health, in good times and in bad, when life seems easy and when it seems tough. We are an unbreakable team and will conquer anything that stands in our way. I can't wait to spend the rest of our lives together. These things I give to you today, tomorrow, and all the days of our lives.

I love you.

Brad,

Words cannot begin to express the joy I feel standing with you here today, in front of all the people we love to begin our journey together.

I could list a million reasons why I love you. Your patience, care, ambition and love you show to the people around you are some of the greatest gifts you have given me. I love the way you strive to be better than you were the day before, that you never give up. I know that you can do anything you set your mind to, and on the days that you forget that, I will always be here to remind you.

I love you for loving me the way you do, through my insecurities, flaws and when I don't love myself. Brad, I have never been more certain of anything in my life than I am of you. You acknowledge my strengths and accept my faults. I promise to always pursue you, to fight for you and love you unconditionally and whole heartedly for the rest of my life.

The journey that we are on together, has already challenged us as a couple, to work through hardships and obstacles and to become stronger in all aspects. Even before we were together, life challenged us individually only to ensure we had the love and support for each other, and it only proves that the universe did have a plan, and that plan for me, was you.

You are my source of joy, laughter, love and calm in this world. I promise to be by your side and your pillar of support through every step of our journey, and any path you may travel.

I promise to continue to love you wholeheartedly, just as you do me and I promise to trust and respect you as your own person and to realise that your interests, desires and needs are no less important than my own.

I cannot wait to build a home, a life and a family together, to watch you grow more every day, knowing you will be by my side through it all.

So Brad, I marry you today with no hesitation or doubt and with these words, and with my heart I marry you and promise to love you always, even during cricket season.

Ally,

It has always been you. You are the love of my life.
You make me complete and yet drive me crazy and wild
all at the same time I can't explain it!
You are everything I've ever dreamt of and more.

I know I may not say I love you
as much as you would like but always
know that my love is unconditional
and no one can take that away.
Even when you say dumb shit

I only know what love is because of you.
Being someone's first love is great but
being someone's only love is amazing.
I promise to spend my life showing you
how grateful I am to be yours.

I say these vows from the deepest depths
of my heart, forever and always.

Cameron

Charli,

They say, "Don't marry someone you can live with.
Marry someone you can't live without".
And that is why today is the easiest decision in my life.

I love you because you are the most beautiful, caring and selfless person.
You always support me.
You make the day bright when it is dark.
You make me feel whole.
You are the best role model for our daughter Trinity.

I promise to enjoy the good times and endure with you through the tough times.
I promise to be your home – I am your wall to lean on, your roof for shelter and your safe place in any storm.
I promise to love you unconditionally until the end of time.

Thank you for letting me be me.
I am so proud to be able to call you my wife and best friend.
You are my love, my life, my everything.
I love you.

Mark

When I first met you, I really had no idea how much you would mean to me and how much of an impact you would make to my life.

However, I knew right away that I loved your energy and could not take my eyes off of you and till this day I still love your energy and still cannot take my eyes off you.

I love your laugh, your generosity, your sense of humour, your quirky attitude and your brutal honesty... so brutal.

I have loved every moment that we have shared together - from you being incredibly loving to you being incredibly annoying.

The moments that we have shared together over the past 6 years have been amazing and I truly appreciate the patience and laughs that you have had with me over those years.

I promise to always support you and be there for you no matter what you pursue in life.

I promise to love you, put our relationship first and to work on any challenges we may face in the future together with you as my wife.

Life is uncertain but I can promise to do my best towards you.

I promise to always take you out to get a chocolate fudge sundae with double extra Oreo toppings from Mc Donald's whenever you're feeling down. Or when ever your second "dessert" belly is hangry...

I am excited for our future and hope to create more beautiful memories with you.

I love you Lina.

Gilly,

There's some part of me that can't believe I'm the one that gets to marry you today.

You have made me happier than I could have ever imagined and more loved than I thought possible.

You have made every day an adventure and you make every second together with me better than the last. When I look into your eyes, I truly see forever.

I was drawn to you from the first day we met, your warm and inviting eyes drew me in like a magnet, your smile was infectious and your confidence made me feel at ease. I just loved being in your presence and before long, that is all I wanted.

Thank you for being my best friend and for always being there for me, holding me up and keeping me strong, listening to my problems and encouraging me to always push myself to be the best version of myself.

We have had so many amazing years together and here we are, now about to be Mr & Mrs Calveley. You are standing in front of me glowing and you look breathtaking.

As we move into this new chapter of our loves and we stand in front of our families and closest friends, I want to make a few promises to you.

I promise to love you unconditionally and to stand by you without hesitation. I promise to be honest, caring and kind and to always encourage you to be the best person you can be, appreciate you and be a great listener.

I promise I will always give you my all in our marriage and make you feel safe. Last but not least, I will always try to remember to use 'did not done' in my sentences.

I look forward to making many more memories together with you. You are an amazing person Gina and I feel so blessed that our paths crossed all those years ago.

You are one hell of a mother to our 2 amazing children and now the bond we have unites us as one, not only as a married couple but a happy little family.

We are complete.

Kelsey,

Who would have thought asking you to compete with me in a couples CrossFit competition I had zero intention of competing in just so I had an excuse to be able to talk to you would have brought us here today?

Every day you inspire me to be a better person, to love and support you, to always listen to you, and to always be your gym buddy even if I slow you down going at a Petey pace.

You have given me the two most precious things in life, your heart and our beautiful daughter Isabel, and with this I can always promise you my heart, loyalty, and undying love, even when you keep beating me up in the box.

I love you.

Pete

Louise,

Today we have exchanged rings. This ring that I now wear is more than just a convenient bottle opener, it is a symbol of my eternal commitment to you, and also my commitment to your children, Brayden and Kylie.

Ours isn't a story about love at first sight. When we first met at school I was a pale, white, skinny kid whose only interests were playing or watching sport. And I'm pretty sure I was still harbouring some doubts about girl germs.

Fast forward 26 years, and I stand before you today, a grown man, still skinny and as white as they come, but with a love for you so great that when I'm with you, it feels like time stands still.

We have taken the long road to get to this point, but I wouldn't change a minute if it meant that we wouldn't be here exchanging our vows today.

Whilst I'd love to stand here and promise you a lifetime of riches and good fortune, I cannot. But I can promise you a lifetime of abundance. An abundance of love and support, of strength and vulnerability and of passion and adventure.

I promise you all of me, in the same way that I accept all of you.

I promise to always be honest and loyal to you.

I promise to love and to cherish you for who you are now and for who you are yet to become.

I accept that drains will get clogged and I'll have to unblock them, even though only one of us has long hair.

I accept that you will go through these vows once I'm finished and correct all my grammatical errors. And I even accept that occasionally your jokes are funny, and though you might not see it, I sometimes have a little giggle on the inside.

Louise, your love gives me hope, your smile gives me joy, you make me a better man.

I will always be here to encourage you to follow your dreams.

I'll be your shoulder to cry on or to pick you up whenever you fall.

I will be there to celebrate with you and raise you high when you succeed, and will be your best friend through all that life can throw at us.

So today, in front of all of our family and friends that are gathered here, in front of all of our family and friends watching from interstate and overseas, and in the presence of your father, who I'm sure is here with us watching down over his little girl, I promise to always choose you first, to always treat you right, and to continually strive to be the best husband and father that I can.

I love you.

Taylor