

## Traditional Wedding Vow Phrasing

Rel = Religious

Non-d = Non-denominational

(Rel)

*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 [or] pledge myself to you.*

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(Non-d)

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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.*

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(Rel)

*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.*

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(Non-d)

*I, (name), take thee (name),  
to be my wedded husband/wife,  
and I do promise and pledge,  
before these witnesses  
to be thy loving and faithful wife / husband;  
in plenty and in want  
in joy and in sorrow,  
in sickness and in health,  
as long as we both shall live.*

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(Non-d)

*(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.  
Therefore, let us commit one-to-the-other,  
until death parts us.*

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(Rel)

*I, (name), take you, (name),  
to be my wife/husband  
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 worst of what is to come,  
and as long as we live.*

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(Rel)

*I, (name), take you, (name), as my wedded wife/husband  
and I promise you love, honor, and respect;  
to be faithful to you  
and not to forsake you  
until death does us part.  
So help me, God.*

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(Non-d)

*I, (name), take you, (name), to be my husband/wife.  
To share the good times and tough 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,  
So, my love for you is eternal.  
Just as it is made of incorruptible substance,  
So, my commitment to you will never fail.  
And so, with this ring,  
I thee wed.*

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(Rel)

*In the presence of God and these our friends,  
I take thee to be my wife/husband,  
promising with divine assistance  
to be unto thee a loving and faithful husband/wife  
so long as we both shall live.*

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(Non-d)

*Officiant: (name), will you take (name) as your wife/husband,  
will you pledge to share your life openly with her/him,  
to speak the truth to her/him, in love?  
Will you promise to honor and tenderly care for her/him,  
to encourage her/him fulfillment as an individual  
through all the changes in your lives?*

*Couple: I do.*

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(Non-d)

*I, (name), take you, (name), to be my husband/wife,  
my partner in life,  
and my one true love.*

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

*And I will trust you and honor you,  
I will laugh with you and cry with you  
Through the best and the worst  
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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.*

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(Non-d)

*Let me not,  
to the marriage of true minds,  
Admit impediments.*

*Love is not love,  
Which alters when it alteration finds.*

*Or bends with the remover to remove.*

*No! it is an ever-fixed mark  
That looks on tempests  
and is never shaken.*

*Love is the star to steer by,  
for every lonely heart.*

*Love's not Time's fool,  
though rosy lips and cheeks  
Within his bending sickle's compass come.*

*Love alters not with life's brief hours and years,,  
But bears it out  
even to the edge of time.*

*If this be error  
and upon me proved,  
then no (man/woman) has ever loved.*

*And so, with this ring  
I thee wed.*

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(Non-d)

*Now you will feel no rain,  
For each of you will be shelter to the other.*

*Now you will feel no cold,  
For each of you will be warmth to the other.*

*Now there is no more loneliness,  
For each of you will be a companion to the other.*

*Now you are two bodies,  
But there is one life before you.*

*And so go now to your home,  
To enter into the days of your togetherness.*

*And may your days be many,  
and good  
and long  
upon the good earth.*

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(Non-d)

*I take you as you are,*

*loving who you are now  
and who you are yet to become.*

*I promise to listen to you  
and learn from you,  
to support you  
and accept your support.*

*I will laugh with you,  
cry with you,  
grow with you,  
and create with you.*

*I will love you  
and have faith in your love for me,  
through all our years  
and all that life may bring us.*

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(Non-d)

*I offer myself to you as a partner in life.  
I vow to love you in sickness and in health.  
I commit myself to encourage you in good times and in bad.  
I will cherish and respect you all the days of our life together.  
I give thanks that I have found you.  
May our marriage be a gift  
to the world and our families,*

*as your love is a gift to me.*

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(Non-d)

*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.*

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(Non-d)

*I promise to be your loving friend and partner.  
I will be here when you need someone to talk to or listen to.  
I trust and appreciate you.  
I also pledge to respect and cherish you're being unique,  
to strengthen you when you're in sorrow.  
I promise to share with you my hopes, thoughts, and dreams  
as we grow and build our lives together.*

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(Non-d)

*I pledge to care and love you,  
until the day I die.*

*I try to be worthy of your love.*

*I promise to be always patient, honest, kind and forgiving with you.*

*And I promise to be on time when we go out on a date.*

*But first and foremost,*

*I promise to be your faithful and devoted friend and husband/wife/partner.*