

Marriage Vows

Marriage Vows can be an “I do,” or an “I will,” a repeat-after-me, or read to each other. The only legal requirement of a wedding ceremony is that the Bride and Groom verbally indicate they want to be married. The term Expression of Intent and Marriage Vows are really the same thing. You can have an Expression of Intent – which is an “I do” or an “I will.” You can also then have a repeat-after-me Marriage Vow, and then a separate repeat-after-me for the Ring Exchange.

Or you can combine everything into an “I do” or an “I will.” The answer depends on the question – “Will you . . . ?” or “Do you . . . ?” You don’t want the wrong answer – “Will you?” Then you answer “I do.” It’s good to give the “right” answer when you get married.

Bde and Grm can be replaced with the names of the Bride and Groom. Command/shift/h for Word.

Do you like rhymes? See **Marriage Vows 27 and 31**

Combining the Vows and Ring Exchange

The Ring Exchange can be separate or be included in any vow by Judge Armstrong saying:

To Groom: Grm, as you place this ring on Bde’s finger, please repeat after me.

OR

To Groom: Grm, please place this ring on Bde’s finger.

Do you Grm take Bde as you wife etc. followed by an “I do.”

OR - **Vows and Rings Together**

See Samples 14C, 14D, 17, 19, 29 and 32A & 32B.

Write your own Vows

These are sample vows that can be changed as you like. Some are religious and some are not. You can delete words, add the words you choose, or write your own vows. These samples may help you with ideas. Don't try to memorize your vows. You can read the vows to each other – Tom holds the vows and hands a copy to the Groom, who reads his vows and then returns the page. Then Tom hands a copy to the Bride, who reads her vows, and then returns the page to Tom.

The person reading needs one hand to hold the page, but the couple holds one hand and the non-reader usually holds the reader's hand with both hands. So it's a three handed holding hands with the fourth hand holding the vows being read.

This is how Tom scripts **Personal Vows** in the ceremony.

Personal Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

*The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.*

Judge Armstrong hands a copy of the Personal Vows to the Groom.

Groom: *Grm reads his Personal Vows.*

Grm returns his Personal Vows to Judge Armstrong.

Judge Armstrong hands a copy of the Personal Vows to the Bride.

Bride: *Bde reads her Personal Vows.*

Bde returns her Personal Vows to Judge Armstrong.

Repeat-after-me Vows

For repeat-after-me vows Judge Armstrong will read a few words at a time and the Bride and Groom repeat the words. The / mark shows the breaks in repeat-after-me vows.

Marriage Vows - 1.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

*The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.*

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

Bde, I take you to be my wife / from this time onward, / to join with you / and to share all that is to come, / to give and to receive, / to speak and to listen, / to inspire and to respond, / and in all circumstances of our life together / to be loyal to you / with my whole life / and with all my being.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

Grm, I take you to be my husband / from this time onward, / to join with you / and to share all that is to come, / to give and to receive, / to speak and to listen, / to inspire and to respond, / and in all circumstances of our life together / to be loyal to you / with my whole life / and with all my being.

Marriage Vows - 2.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

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*The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.*

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

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

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

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

Marriage Vows - 3.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

*The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.*

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I, Grm, / take you, Bde, / 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 ordinance, / and to this end / I give you my faith.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I, Bde, / take you, Grm, / to be my husband, / 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 ordinance, / and to this end / I give you my faith.

Marriage Vows - 4.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

*The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold one hand.*

*Judge Armstrong gives a copy of the Vows to the Bride
and a copy to the Groom.*

Groom: *Reads to Bride.*

Bde, I offer my love. I offer my strength. I offer my support. I offer my loyalty. I offer my faith.

Bde, I take you as my wife as long as we both shall live.

I believe that we are meant to be for each other a sign of Christ's love; that we are called to bring each other to God; that we are called to love and forgive each other. Believing these things, I offer myself completely to you to be your husband in marriage.

Bride: *Reads to Groom.*

Grm, I offer my love. I offer my strength. I offer my support. I offer my loyalty. I offer my faith.

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Grm, I take you as my husband as long as we both shall live.

I believe that we are meant to be for each other a sign of Christ's love; that we are called to bring each other to God; that we are called to love and forgive each other. Believing these things, I offer myself completely to you to be your wife in marriage.

The Bride and Groom return the copies to Judge Armstrong.

Marriage Vows - 5. - by Roy Croft

Wedding Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

*The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold hands.*

*Judge Armstrong gives a copy to the Bride
and a copy to the Groom to read to each other.*

Groom: Bde, I love you,
Not only for what you are,
But for what I am when I am with you,

Bride: Grm, I love you,
Not only for what you have made of yourself,
But for what you are making of me.

Groom: Bde, I love you
For the way you brighten my darker days,
And how you keep me motivated in my life long goals.

Bride: Grm, I love you.

For putting your hand into my heart and passing over all the foolish things that I can't help. Dimly seen there and for drawing out into the light all the beautiful qualities that no one else had looked far enough to see.

Groom: Bde, I love you.

Because you have done more than any person could have done to make me good and more than fate could have done to make me happy.

Bride: Grm, You have done it:

Without a touch.

Without a word.

Without a sign.

You have done it, by being my everything life consists of.

Together: I love you - Unconditionally - Completely - Forever.

The Bride and Groom return the copies to Judge Armstrong.

Marriage Vows - 6.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I take you, Bde, / to be my wife, / and these things I promise you: / I will be faithful to you / and honest with you; / I will respect, and trust you, / 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 / as long as we live.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I take you, Grm, / to be my husband, / and these things I promise you: / I will be faithful to you / and honest with you; / I will respect, and trust you, / 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 / as long as we live.

Marriage Vows - 7. - From *I Will Always* by Larry S. Chengges

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

*The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold hands.*

*Judge Armstrong hands a copy of the vows to the Bride
and a copy to the Groom.*

Bride: Grm, I Will Always - promise to give you the best of myself, and to ask you no more than you can give.

Groom: Bde, I Will Always - accept you the way you are. I fell in love with you for the qualities, abilities, and the outlook on life that you have, and I won't try to reshape you in a different image.

Bride: Grm, I Will Always - 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.

- Groom:** Bde, I Will Always - share with you my time, my close attention, and will bring joy and strength and imagination to our marriage.
- Bride:** Grm, I Will Always - pledge 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.
- Groom:** Bde, I Will Always - promise to grow along with you - to be willing to face change as we both change in order to keep our marriage alive and exciting.
- Together:** I Will Always Love You - In good times and in bad, with all I have to give and with all I feel inside in the only way I know how, - completely and forever.

The Bride and Groom return the copies to Judge Armstrong.

Vows 7. – Another Version

My Vows of Love to You

Judge Armstrong hands a copy to the Bride and a copy to the Groom and they read the vows to each other.

- Groom:** Bde, I vow to give you the best of myself and to ask of you no more than you can give.
- Bride:** Grm, I vow to respect you as your own person and to realize that your interests, desires and needs are no less important than my own.
- Groom:** Bde, I vow to share with you my time and my attention and to bring joy, strength and imagination to our relationship.

Bride: Grm, I vow to keep myself open to you. To let you see through the window of my world into my innermost fears and feelings, secrets and dreams.

Groom: Bde, I vow to grow along with you, to be willing to face changes as we both change in order to keep our relationship alive and exciting.

Bride: Grm, last, but not least, I vow 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.

Together: Completely and forever.

The Bride and Groom return the copies to Judge Armstrong.

Marriage Vows - 8.

Expression of Intent

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Grm, do you take Bde as your wife? Do you promise to be faithful to her in tender love and honor, offering encouragement and companionship and do you promise to live with her and cherish her with love and respect in the union of marriage?

If yes, say "I do."

To Bride: Bde, do you take Grm as your husband? Do you promise to be faithful to him in tender love and honor, offering encouragement and companionship and do you promise to live with him and cherish him with love and respect in the union of marriage?

If yes, say “I do.”

Marriage Vows

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I, Grm, / take you, Bde, / 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 hands to hold / so I give you my life to keep, / so help me God.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I, Bde, / take you, Grm, / 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 hands to hold / so I give you my life to keep, / so help me God.

Marriage Vows - 9.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I, Grm, / take you, Bde, / to be my wife. / I am proud to stand beside you / this day and forever, / and these things I promise you. / I will be faithful to you / and honest with you. / I will respect and trust you, / 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 / to better understand ourselves, / the world and God; / through the best and

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the worst / of what is to come. / I vow to love, / to honor, / and to cherish you / as long as we both shall live.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I, Bde, / take you, Grm, / to be my husband. / I am proud to stand beside you / this day and forever, / and these things I promise you. / I will be faithful to you / and honest with you. / I will respect and trust you, / 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 / to better understand ourselves, / the world and God; / through the best and the worst / of what is to come. / I vow to love, / to honor, / and to cherish you / as long as we both shall live.

Marriage Vows - 10.

Expression of Intent

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Grm, do you take Bde to be your wife, to share your life with her, and do you pledge to love, honor and cherish her all the days of your life?

If yes, say "I do."

To Bride: Bde, do you take Grm to be your husband, to share your life with him, and do you pledge to love, honor and cherish him all the days of your life?

If yes, say "I do."

Marriage Vows

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

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I, Grm, / choose you, Bde, / to be my wife, / my companion / through all life's joys and sorrows. / On this day, / I affirm my commitment to you, / acknowledging the love we share / and looking forward to all that is to come. / I will stand by you / 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 at your side / as long as we both shall live.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I, Bde, / choose you, Grm, / to be my husband, / my companion / through all life's joys and sorrows. / On this day, / I affirm my commitment to you, / acknowledging the love we share / and looking forward to all that is to come. / I will stand by you / 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 at your side / as long as we both shall live.

Marriage Vows - 11.

Expression of Intent

To Groom and Bride: Grm and Bde, have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?

If so answer "We have."

To Groom and Bride: And will you love and honor each other as husband and wife for the rest of your lives?

If so answer "We will."

After having considered the importance of the step you are about to take, and having expressed your willingness to assume the duties and obligations of a marital relationship, I now ask you in the presence of your family and friends to state your vows.

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Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Do you Grm take this woman to be your wedded wife, to live together according to law in a state of matrimony, to love her, comfort her, honor, keep and cherish her in sickness and in health and be true and faithful to the duties and obligations of the marital relationship so long as you both shall live?

If yes, answer, "I do."

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I, Grm, / take you Bde /to be my wife. / In the presence of God / and before these witnesses / I promise to be a loving, / faithful and loyal husband to you, / for as long as we both shall live.

To Bride: Do you Bde take this man to be your wedded husband, to live together according to law in a state of matrimony, to love him, comfort him, honor, keep and cherish him in sickness and in health and be true and faithful to the duties and obligations of the marital relationship so long as you both shall live?

If yes, answer, "I do."

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I, Bde, / take you Grm / to be my husband. / In the presence of God / and before these witnesses / I promise to be a loving, / faithful and loyal wife to you, / for as long as we both shall live.

Marriage Vows - 12. – Religious Vows

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Grm, will you have Bde to be your wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony; will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others keep yourself only for her so long as you both shall live?

If yes, say “I will.”

To Bride: Bde, will you have Grm to be your wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony; will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others keep yourself only for him so long as you both shall live?

If yes, say “I will.”

Marriage Vows – 13-A.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

*Judge Armstrong gives a copy to the Bride
and a copy to the Groom.*

Groom:

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From this day on I choose you, Bde, to be my wife

Bride:

From this day on I choose you, Grm, to be my husband

Together:

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 be
 To laugh with you in the good times
 To struggle with you in the bad
 To support you when you are discouraged
 To wipe your tears with my hands
 To comfort you with my body
 To mirror you with my soul
 To share with you all my riches and honors
 To play with you as much as I can until we grow old
 And still loving each other sweetly and gladly
 Our lives shall come to the end

The Bride and Groom return the copies to Judge Armstrong.

Marriage Vows – 13-B. - Repeat After Me

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

From this day on / I choose you, Bde /

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To be my 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 be /
 To laugh with you in the good times /
 To struggle with you in the bad /
 To support you when you are discouraged /
 To wipe your tears with my hands /
 To comfort you with my body /
 To mirror you with my soul /
 To share with you all my riches and honors /
 To play with you as much as I can / until we grow old /
 And still loving each other / sweetly and gladly /
 Our lives shall come to the end

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

From this day on / I choose you, Grm /
 To be my husband /
 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 be /
 To laugh with you in the good times /
 To struggle with you in the bad /
 To support you when you are discouraged /
 To wipe your tears with my hands /
 To comfort you with my body /
 To mirror you with my soul /
 To share with you all my riches and honors /
 To play with you as much as I can / until we grow old /
 And still loving each other / sweetly and gladly /
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Marriage Vows – 14. – Traditional “I do.” or “I will.”

NOTE: there are four alternatives – “I do” or “I will” and then each with rings included.

Which one of the Vows 14 alternatives do you like? You can pick a separate Ring Exchange wording under that heading.

Marriage Vows 14-A. – Just “I do.” – No Rings included in Vow

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Do you Grm take Bde, for your lawfully wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, to love and to cherish, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do you part?

If yes, say “I do.”

To Bride: Do you Bde take Grm, for your lawfully wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, to love and to cherish, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do you part?

If yes, say “I do.”

Marriage Vows – 14-B. – Just “I will.” – No Rings Included in Vow

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

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*The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.*

To Groom: Grm, will you take Bde, for your lawfully wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, to love and to cherish, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do you part?

If yes, say "I will."

To Bride: Bde, will you take Grm, for your lawfully wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, to love and to cherish, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do you part?

If yes, say "I will."

Marriage Vows – 14-C. – "I do." with Ring Exchange included

Marriage Vows and Exchange of Rings

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

*The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.*

To Groom: Do you, Grm, take Bde, for your wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, to love and to cherish, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, as long as you both shall live?

If yes, say "I do."

The Best Man hands the Bride's ring to the Groom.

As a token of your love, please place this ring upon Bde's finger.

The Groom places the ring on the Bride's finger.

To Bride: Do you, Bde, take Grm, for your wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, to love and to cherish, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, as long as you both shall live?

If yes, say "I do."

The Maid of Honor hands the Groom's ring to the Bride.

As a token of your love, please place this ring upon Grm's finger.

The Bride places the ring on the Groom's finger.

Marriage Vows – 14-D. – "I will." with Ring Exchange included

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Grm, will you take Bde, for your lawfully wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, to love and to cherish, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do you part?

If yes, say "I will."

The Best Man hands the Bride's ring to the Groom.

As a token of your love, please place this ring upon Bde's finger.

To Bride: Bde, will you take Grm, for your lawfully wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, to love and to cherish, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do you part?

If yes, say "I will."

The Maid of Honor hands the Groom's ring to the Bride.

As a token of your love, please place this ring upon Grm's finger.

Marriage Vows - 15.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I, Grm, / take you, Bde, / to be no other than yourself; / loving what I know of you, / trusting what I do not yet know, / with respect for your integrity, / and faith in your love for me / through all of our years / and in all that life may bring us. / As a mirror of my true self / and as my partner on the same path, / I take you, Bde, / to be my wife. / I will love you, / comfort you, / respect, and cherish you / all the days of my life.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I, Bde, / take you, Grm, / to be no other than yourself; / loving what I know of you, / trusting what I do not yet know, / with respect for your integrity, / and faith in your love for me / through all of our years / and

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in all that life may bring us. / As a mirror of my true self / and as my partner on the same path, / I take you, Grm, / to be my husband. / I will love you, / comfort you, / respect, and cherish you / all the days of my life.

Marriage Vows - 16.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I, Grm, / take you Bde, / to be my wife. / To laugh with in joy, / to cry with in sorrow, / and to grow with in love. / I humbly give you my hands and my heart / as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, / and pledge my faith and love to you.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I, Bde, / take you Grm, / to be my husband. / To laugh with in joy, / to cry with in sorrow, / and to grow with in love. / I humbly give you my hands and my heart / as a sanctuary of warmth and peace, / and pledge my faith and love to you.

Marriage Vows - 17. - With Ring Exchange

Vows and Exchange of Rings

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

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To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I, Grm, / take you Bde, / as my wife, / in friendship and in love, / in strength and in weakness, / to share the good times and misfortune, / in achievement and failure, / to celebrate life with you forevermore. /

The Best Man hands the Bride's ring to the Groom.

Bde, take this ring / as a symbol / of my never-ending love and devotion.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I, Bde, / take you Grm, / as my husband, / in friendship and in love, / in strength and in weakness, / to share the good times and misfortune, / in achievement and failure, / to celebrate life with you forevermore.

The Maid of Honor hands the Groom's ring to the Bride.

Grm, take this ring / as a symbol / of my never-ending love and devotion.

Marriage Vows - 18.

Expression of Intent

Grm and Bde, we have come together to honor your love and commitment to one another and support your decision to become lifetime partners. May your love always be unchanging and everlasting.

To Groom: Do you, Grm, take Bde to be your wife? Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect her, and forsaking all others, be true and loyal to her for now and forevermore.

Groom: I do.

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To Bride: Do you, Bde, take Grm to be your husband? Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him, and forsaking all others, be true and loyal to him for now and forevermore.

Bride: I do.

Exchange of Vows

Grm and Bde, the vows you are about to exchange will join your lives. You both bring individual strengths and weaknesses to this marriage, and as you stand together as a married couple, may you complement each other and fulfill what each other needs. as your love and commitment continue to deepen throughout your married life.

Please join hands, and give your vows.

*The Bride passes her flowers to the Maid of Honor.
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.*

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I, Grm, / take you Bde, / from this day forward / as my wife, partner and best friend. / I promise to take you to my heart / as you are and as you will be. / I will walk by your side forever / and grow together with you. / I promise to support your dreams / and to be there for you / for the rest of our lives.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I, Bde, / take you Grm, / from this day forward / as my husband, partner and best friend. / I promise to take you to my heart / as you are and as you will be. / I will walk by your side forever / and grow together with you. / I promise to support your dreams / and to be there for you / for the rest of our lives.

Marriage Vows - 19. – With Ring Exchange

Vows and Exchange of Rings

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

Today, Bde, I join my life to yours, / not merely as your husband, / 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 together / from this day forward.

The Best Man hands the Bride's ring to the Groom.

With this ring / I thee wed.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

Today, Grm, I join my life to yours, / not merely as your 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 together / from this day forward.

The Maid or Honor hands the Groom's ring to the Bride.

With this ring / I thee wed.

Marriage Vows - 20.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

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*The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.*

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I promise to love you / with all my heart / and all my strength. / I
vow to be your best friend / and to do everything I can / to make you
happy. / I will trust you with my dreams / and support you in your
dreams. / I don't know what challenges lie ahead / but I know that we will
face them together / as husband and wife.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I promise to love you / with all my heart / and all my strength. / I
vow to be your best friend / and to do everything I can / to make you
happy. / I will trust you with my dreams / and support you in your
dreams. / I don't know what challenges lie ahead / but I know that we will
face them together / as husband and wife.

Marriage Vows - 21.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

*The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.*

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I, Grm, / take you, Bde, / to be my wife. / I choose you this day / to
love and confide in, / to have and to hold, / to believe in and to share
with, / to learn from and grow with. / I choose you this day / to give you
my heart.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I, Bde, / take you, Grm, / to be my husband. / I choose you this day / to love and confide in, / to have and to hold, / to believe in and to share with, / to learn from and grow with. / I choose you this day / to give you my heart.

Marriage Vows - 22.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Bride and Groom: Do you, Grm and Bde, accept each other as husband and wife? Do you promise to share with each other in times of joy, as well as in times of trouble, to share your hopes, thoughts and dreams? Do you promise to talk and to listen, to honor and to appreciate, to provide for and support each other in trust and love? Do you promise to be companions and friends, partners in parenthood and allies in conflict, to be comrades in adventure, and accomplices in mischief?

Bride and Groom: We do.

Marriage Vows - 23.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

Bde I am committing to you / that I will be a loving friend / and partner in our marriage. / To talk and to listen, / to trust and appreciate you, / to respect and cherish you, / and to support, comfort, and strengthen you / through life's joys and sorrows. / May our lives be ever intertwined / as we share our hopes, thoughts, and dreams, / our love keeping us together.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

Grm I am committing to you / that I will be a loving friend / and partner in our marriage. / To talk and to listen, / to trust and appreciate you, / to respect and cherish you, / and to support, comfort, and strengthen you / through life's joys and sorrows. / May our lives be ever intertwined / as we share our hopes, thoughts, and dreams, / our love keeping us together.

Marriage Vows - 24. “As long as love shall last”

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Do you Grm promise to share laughter in times of joy and wonder; to share tears when sorrow touches your lives; to share your hopes and dreams, that your love and minds may grow; to share compassion and understanding during times of frustration and anger; to share all that you are, for as long as love shall last.

If yes, please say “I do.”

To Bride: Do you Bde promise to share laughter in times of joy and wonder; to share tears when sorrow touches your lives; to share your hopes and dreams, that your love and minds may grow; to share

compassion and understanding during times of frustration and anger; to share all that you are, for as long as love shall last.

If yes, please say “I do.”

Marriage Vows - 25. Ask you to be my partner

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I, Grm, / do ask you, Bde, / to be my partner in marriage. / To accept my strengths and my faults / as I promise to accept yours; / I ask for your support and strength / when my own does fail me, / as I promise my strength and support / in your times of need. / I bring to you with best intention, / my love, / my understanding, / all that I have / and all that I am.

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I, Bde, / do ask you, Grm, / to be my partner in marriage. / To accept my strengths and my faults / as I promise to accept yours; / I ask for your support and strength / when my own does fail me, / as I promise my strength and support / in your times of need. / I bring to you with best intention, / my love, / my understanding, / all that I have / and all that I am.

Marriage Vows - 26.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

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*The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.*

To Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

In the presence of God, / our friends, and our family, / I take thee Bde, / to be my wife. / I promise with love, / to be caring and compassionate, / to be supportive and patient, / to show understanding and empathy, / to keep an open and honest heart, / and to always nurture our shared unity, / as your husband from this day forward.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

In the presence of God, / our friends, and our family, / I take thee Grm, / to be my husband. / I promise with love, / to be caring and compassionate, / to be supportive and patient, / to show understanding and empathy, / to keep an open and honest heart, / and to always nurture our shared unity, / as your wife from this day forward.

Marriage Vows - 27. Humorous - Rhymes - Dr. Suess

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

*The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.
The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.*

To Groom: Grm, today you have made your vow, that she will be your wife now.

Groom: I have a made vow, that she will be my wife now.

To Groom: Will you be there for the good and bad, will you be there for the happy and the sad?

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Groom: I will be there for the good and bad, I will be there whether happy or sad.

To Groom: Do you promise to cherish her all your days, do you promise to love and honor her always?

Groom: I promise to cherish her for all my days, I promise to love and honor her always.

To Groom: Do you wish to make it known, do you wish to make it shown, that she is now your wife, she will be for all your life?

Groom: I wish to make it known, I wish to make it shown, that she will be my wife, she will be for all my life.

To Bride: And Bde, you have also said a vow, that he shall be your husband now.

Bride: I have said a vow, he shall be my husband now.

To Bride: Will you be there for the good and bad, will you be there for the happy and the sad?

Bride: I will be there for the good and bad, I will be there whether happy or sad.

To Bride: Do you promise to cherish him all your days, do you promise to love and honor him always?

Bride: I promise to cherish him for all my days, I promise to love and honor him always.

To Bride: He shall be called your husband, upon this day you agree to this end.

Bride: I have agreed to this end, today he shall be called my husband.

Marriage Vows – 28.

Marriage Vows

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

The Bride and Groom read these vows to each other.

I love you. I want you in my life. I love us . I want us. I want to be your Husband/Wife.

I promise:

It is always ok to say what is on your mind or ask what is on mine.

I will always talk, even if I am slow sometimes.

I will help us live Shields Down.

I will not give up on us.

Marriage Vows – 29. With a Ring Exchange

Vows and Exchange of Rings

Grm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

Groom: Grm, please repeat after me.

I, Grm, / take you, Bde, / as my friend and love, / beside me and apart from me, / in laughter and in tears, / in conflict and tranquility, / asking that you be no other than yourself, / loving what I know of you, / trusting what I do not yet know, / in all the ways that life may find us.

The Best Man hands the Bride's ring to the Groom.

The Groom places the Bride's ring on her finger.

Bde, 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 God.

Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I, Bde, / take you, Grm, / as my friend and love, / beside me and apart from me, / in laughter and in tears, / in conflict and tranquility, / asking that you be no other than yourself, / loving what I know of you, / trusting what I do not yet know, / in all the ways that life may find us.

The Maid of Honor hands the Groom's ring to the Bride.

The Bride places the Groom's ring on his finger.

Grm, 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 God.

Marriage Vows – 30. An Introduction to the Vows

We've come to the point of your ceremony where you're going to say your vows to one another. But before you do that, I ask you to remember that love – which is rooted in faith, trust, and acceptance – will be the foundation of an abiding and deepening relationship. No other ties are more tender, no other vows more sacred than those you now assume. If you are able to keep the vows you take here today, not

because of any religious or civil law, but out of a desire to love and be loved by another person fully, without limitation, your life will be full of joy and the home which you are establishing will abide in peace.

Marriage Vows – 31. In Rhyme

If you like rhyme, this will get you started – from an actual ceremony.

Expression of Intent

To Groom/Bride: Do you Grm/Bde take Bde/Grm,

to be your (wife/husband) and best friend,
on whom you may always depend,

in sickness and in health,
in poverty or wealth,

to take walks in the park,
to hold close in the dark,

to share wild adventures,
to grow old and wear dentures,

to travel to exotic locales,
to be the bestest of pals,

on long trips, to be driver,
to watch episodes of MacGyver,

and in times of bad weather,
to get soaked together,

to give comfort in sorrow,
to always be there tomorrow,

to discard all inhibition,
and love without condition,

for as long as you both shall live?

Groom/Bride: I do.

Marriage Vows – 32A. I will. - With a Ring Exchange

Vows and Ring Exchange

To Groom: Will you, Grm, keep Bde as your favorite person - to laugh with her, go on adventures with her, support her through life's tough moments, be proud of her, grow old with her, and find new reasons to love her every day?

Grm: I will.

The Best Man hands the Bride's ring to the Groom.

Please place this ring on Bde's finger.

The Groom places the Bride's ring on her finger.

To Bride: Will you, Bde, keep Grm as your favorite person - to laugh with him, go on adventures with him, support him through life's tough moments, be proud of him, grow old with him, and find new reasons to love him every day?

Bde: I will.

The Maid of Honor hands the Groom's ring to the Bride.

Please place this ring on Grm's finger.

The Bride places the Groom's ring on his finger.

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To Bride and Groom: Will you, Bde and Grm, be each other's partners from this day forward? Will you bring out the best in one another, share your happiest moments together, and love each other absolutely - for the rest of this lifetime and for whatever may come next?

Bde and Grm: We will

Marriage Vows – 32B. – I do. - With a Ring Exchange

To Groom: Do you, Grm, promise to keep Bde as your favorite person - to laugh with her, to go on adventures with her, to support her through life's tough moments, to be proud of her, to grow old with her, and to find new reasons to love her every day?

If yes, say "I do."

The Best Man hands the Bride's ring to the Groom.

Please place this ring on Bde's finger.

The Groom places the Bride's ring on her finger.

To Bride: Do you, Bde, promise to keep Grm as your favorite person - to laugh with him, to go on adventures with him, to support him through life's tough moments, to be proud of him, to grow old with him, and to find new reasons to love him every day?

If yes, say "I do."

The Maid of Honor hands the Groom's ring to the Bride.

Please place this ring on Grm's finger.

The Bride places the Groom's ring on his finger.

Marriage Vows – 33. From the Beatrice Letters

Marriage Vows and Expression of Intent

Groom and Bride, please join hands and give your Vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

Judge Armstrong hands a copy of the Vows to the Groom and to the Bride.

Groom: I will love you as a thief loves a gallery and as a crow loves its murder. I will love you as a drawer loves a secret compartment, and as a secret compartment loves a secret. I will love you until all the secret compartments are discovered and opened, and until all the secrets have gone gasping into the world. I will love you until all the codes and hearts have been broken and until every anagram and egg has been unscrambled.

Bride: I will love you as we grow older, which has just happened, and has happened again, and happened several days ago, continuously, and then several years before that, and will continue to happen as the spinning hands of every clock and the flipping pages of every calendar mark the passage of time. I will love you with no regard to the actions of our enemies or the jealousies of actors. I will love you no matter what is served in the world's cafeterias or what game is played at each and every recess.

Groom: I will love you no matter how many mistakes I make when trying to reduce fractions, and no matter how difficult it is to memorize the periodic table. I will love you if I never see you again, and I will love you if I see you every Tuesday. I will love you as the taxi loves the muddy splash of a puddle and as a library loves the patient tick of a clock.

Bride: I will love you if you drop your raincoat on the floor instead of hanging it up. I will love you as the dark spot loves the leopard. I will

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love you as a starfish loves a coral reef and as a kudzu loves trees, even if the oceans turn to sawdust and the trees fall in the forest without anyone around to hear them.

The Bride and Groom return the copies to Judge Armstrong.

Now that you have expressed your intent to love one another, I will ask you each the most important question of the day.

To Groom: Do you Gm take Bde to be your wife?

Groom: I do.

To Bride: And do you Bde, take Gm to be your husband?

Bride: I do.

Marriage Vows - 34.

Marriage Vows

Gm and Bde, please join hands and give your vows.

The Bride hands her flowers to the Maid of Honor.

The Bride and Groom face each other and hold both hands.

To Bride: Bde, please repeat after me.

I, Bde, / take you, Gm, / to be my husband. I will share my life with yours, / Build our dreams together, / Support you through times of trouble, / and rejoice with you in times of happiness. / I promise to give you respect, love and loyalty / through all trials and triumphs / of our life together.

To Groom: Gm, please repeat after me.

I, Grm, / take you, Bde, / to be my wife. / I will share my life with yours, / Build our dreams together, / Support you through times of trouble, / and rejoice with you in times of happiness. / I promise to give you respect, love and loyalty / through all trials and triumphs / of our life together.