

EXCHANGE OF VOWS

In the name of God, I, _____, take you, _____, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

In the name of God, I, _____, take 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 love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.

United Methodist

The Exchange of Vows

An absolute requirement in a wedding is the agreement of a couple in the presence of official witnesses to take one another as husband and wife. The exchange of vows represents the moment of covenant. The words which express the act of commitment are often considered to be the most significant in the ceremony. They are those which express: "I choose you. I accept your having chosen me. I commit myself to you." The vows may also include mutual hopes for and commitment to happiness together and an understanding that the commitment will be secure as it is tested through periods of sadness, times of difficulty and seasons of disappointment. It is always a covenant "for better or for worse."

After carefully studying the wordings of the vows in the ceremonies offered here --- and perhaps selecting one from among them --- it may be that the couple will wish to translate the spirit of these expressions into a language that more nearly reflects their own understanding. They also may have additional thoughts to share with one another. In recent years there has been increasing interest among couples and the clergy for creative expression in the vows. If there is a departure from the traditional wordings of the vows, one must make especially certain that the spirit of the commitment to a lifetime of faithfulness is clearly maintained.

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

I, _____, take you, _____, 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 holy ordinance.

United Church of Christ

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I take you, _____, to be my wife from this day forward, to join with you and share all that is to come, and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.

I take you, _____, to be my husband from this day forward, to join with you and share all that is to come, and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.

American Lutheran

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Episcopal

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Prayer for Sincerity

Let us pray for this man and woman as they make their marriage vows.

Our Father, as _____ and _____
pledge themselves to each other, help them and
bless them; that their love may be pure, and their
vows may be true; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Vows

Take (woman's Christian name) by the right hand and
say to her: _____, I take you to be
my wife;

To laugh with you in joy;
To grieve with you in sorrow;
To grow with you in love;
Serving mankind in peace and hope;
As long as we both shall live.

Take (man's Christian name) by the right hand and
say to him: _____, I take you to
be my husband;

To laugh with you in joy;
To grieve with you in sorrow;
To grow with you in love;
Serving mankind in peace and hope;
As long as we both shall live.

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I, _____, take thee, _____, 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 us do part, according to God's holy ordinance;
and thereto I pledge thee my faith.

I, _____, take thee, _____, 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 us do part, according to God's holy
ordinance; and thereto I pledge thee my faith.

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I, _____, promise you, _____, to be your husband as long as I live. I promise to love you and to support your growing toward full maturity. I promise to seek peace for ourselves, for our children, and for the world which encircles us. As I commit myself to care for you, I also offer myself into your loving care, now and throughout our lives.

I, _____, promise you, _____, to be your wife as long as I live. I promise to love you and to support your growing toward full maturity. I promise to seek peace for ourselves, for our children, and for the world which encircles us. As I commit myself to care for you, I also offer myself into your loving care, now and throughout our lives.

Contemporary Service

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_____, I covenant with you to be your husband. I offer you my love and my support throughout all of our lives. I commit myself to years of growth and sharing as I encourage you to move in new directions. I will strive to achieve my potential as God's creature and will celebrate your progress toward the same goal. I give myself as I am and as I will be, and I do it for all of life.

_____, I covenant with you to be your wife. I offer you my love and my support throughout all of our lives. I commit myself to years of growth and sharing as I encourage you to move in new directions. I will strive to achieve my potential as God's creature and will celebrate your progress toward the same goal. I give myself as I am and as I will be, and I do it for all of life.

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