



Uniquely Personal Ceremonies

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Types of Vows

Here are three different types of vows with examples.

I hope they give inspiration, ideas and the sense that there are various options for you to make your vows unique and personal.

Statement Vows – these can range from quite traditional to something totally personal to you. You can either repeat after me or read them to each other.

Here are two examples of statement vows...

'You light up my life and I want to spend the rest of my days lighting up your life too.'

'I promise to love you deeply, respect you fully and support you constantly.'

Personal Vows – These are totally unique to you as a couple – something that you write and read to your partner. You can share them with each other beforehand or you might keep them as a surprise on the day.

This is an excerpt from a personal vow...

'Pheobe when we first saw you, I had no idea how important you would become to me. It was a fleeting glance across the pub carpark. But I'll always remember how you looked then, in your 'Madonna - the Early Years' fancy dress outfit. You took my breath away. Today as I make my vows to love you forever – again I feel breathless with excitement at the prospect of our future together.'

There is something about you that is mysterious and constantly surprises and delights me. I know that with you each day will be an adventure. I promise to always be by your side on those adventures...linked together by love, passion and a bit of mutual craziness.'

And here's a longer example to give you another picture of how a personal vow can go...

'Marcus, as we share this moment with everyone that is special to us I want to say out loud why you are so precious to me.

- *You have shown me patience when I didn't think I deserved it.*
- *You have shown me kindness and compassion in ways I've never known possible.*
- *You have shown me true loyalty and honesty, leaving me without doubt, or hesitation.*
- *You have eased my fears and insecurities.*
- *You have held me together when I've just wanted to fall apart.*
- *You have loved me unconditionally even when I struggle to love myself.*
- *You have complimented me, in enough ways that I have learnt to accept them (and even sometimes believe them).*
- *You have cared for me through sickness, without judgement and without question.*
- *You bring fun, adventure and wonder to my world, and for that I am eternally grateful.*
- *Because of you, I'll always try to be happy about walking in the rain!*

And today I promise...

- *To be your best friend– to celebrate your successes and to be your biggest cheer leader, I'll also sit with you in silence for as long as you need me.*

- *To stand by your side, I will never be ahead or behind you, because we are doing this life together, and I will always strive to be your equal, and my best possible self.*
- *I vow to never take you for granted.*
- *I vow to be your partner in parenthood. Your ally in conflict. Your comrade in adventure.*
- *I vow to honour you, to be loyal and faithful always.*
- *I vow to love you, and to be there when you need me most.*
- *I vow to apologise and acknowledge when I'm wrong and to learn from my mistakes.*

I feel so honoured to be standing here with you today, in front of our closest family and friends.

I love you always and forever, you will always be my buddy.'



*How do you want to make your vows to your partner?
What kind of vows appeal to you?*

Question Vows – These can be the simplest form of vow if you are hesitant about speaking in public. Basically, I read the promise that you want to make to your partner and ask you to say ‘I do’.

They can be short and sweet or we can make them longer and more detailed...and funny too if you want. It can be a lovely and easy way to put across a lot of meaning without having to speak much.

You can take anything that you want to promise your partner and turn it into question vow.

Here are a few examples...starting with a traditional one...

Josie says, ‘Do you Mark make these promises to Ryan? Do you promise to cherish him in friendship and love today, tomorrow and for as long as the two of you live? To trust and honour him, to love him faithfully, through the best and the worst, whatever may come? And if you should ever doubt, to remember your love for each other and the reason why you are joining your life to his and making these vows?’

Mark says, ‘I do’

A playful, less traditional one...

Josie says, ‘Do you Rachel, promise Jack, to love him as much as you love pecan pie with whipped cream? To cherish him so much that you will put on a wetsuit and go swimming in the sea together? To show your love so powerfully that you’ll try and replicate his mum’s macaroni cheese even though you don’t like cheese?’

Do you promise to cheer him on and see the good in him, especially when he can’t see it in himself. Holding up a loving mirror to him with warmth in your heart so that he sees himself through your eyes.

Do you promise to always be there for him, through those days when you are both tired and grumpy, as well as the days when you are laughing together and singing your favourite songs?

Do you promise to be his person, by his side, forever?’

Rachel says ‘I do’.

And somewhere in between...

Josie says, ‘Do you Alex promise Jenny, to be her lover, companion and friend. Will you always be her comrade in adventure, her accomplice in mischief, her comfort in disappointment, her strength in times of need and her partner in all things, for all the days of her life.

Alex says ‘I do’.

If you want more support with writing your vows
here are a couple more resources to help you.

[Examples of Vows and Promises](#) & [Making Vows Easy](#)