

**WEDDING VOWS:
100 different ways to say “I love you.”**

You can select either or both an “I do” and “repeat after me” vow. The first batch are from ceremonies I've created for couples in the past; some are original and others are classic. I amassed the rest from various other books and internet resources.

General ceremony outline:

*Welcoming (“We gather here...”)
Reflections on Life and Love (friendship, support...)
Declaration of Intent (the “I do” or “I will”)
Wedding Vows
Exchange of Rings (with or without vows)
Closing Words/Pronouncement*

FAMILY VOW: You enter this marriage with (a) child(ren) not from your union. Today, you pledge not only to give all of yourselves to each other, but to this ever-growing child(ren) as well. Do you promise to be considerate of this child(ren)'s feelings, to be open to her/his/their ideas, and to educate them to the best of your abilities in loving kindness?

1. Do you take this woman/man as your lawfully wedded wife/husband to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness, in health, and to love, honor, and cherish for all the days of your life?
2. Do you come here freely, without any doubts, lawful, or ethical impediments, with the express intent to enter this union of marriage? Do you commit with sincere, loving devotion in plenty or poverty, joy or sorrow, and wellbeing or illness from this day onwards? And do you pledge to be onto each other a sympathetic, caring, and faithful companion for all the days of your lives?
3. N, do you take N. as your lawfully wedded spouse to live together in the bonds of matrimony on days of struggle and joy from this day forth? Will you share her/his visions for the future, work to make dreams into possibilities, nurture him/her into strength, hold true to your common values, and appreciate her/him for all the days of your life?
4. N., do you give yourself and receive N. freely and without reservation for as long as time belongs to you both?
5. N., do you give your consent to marry N.? Do you intend to love, comfort, honor, cherish, and care for him/her tenderly during fun and hard times until you share your last sunset and moon rise together?
6. Do you choose each other as life-long companions in tranquility and travail from this day onwards?
7. N. and N., do you accept each other in marriage? Do you pledge to love, admire, and

comfort one another from this day forward in hardship or abundance and frailty or strength? Sharing all of yourselves for as long as time belongs to both, do you offer each other the adventurous fun of friendship and the patient care of love? Cherishing what you now know and do not yet know, will you work to enhance life's happiness and decrease its burdens for each other? And will you wear ring every day to remember your resolve to hold true to your vows to join together into a new cycle of life?

8. N. and N., do you choose to enter this marriage together by seeking only that which love induces each to give freely to the other and thereto pledge to be faithful and loving companions through life? And do you pledge to care for each other thoughtfully in plenty and want, health and illness, and happiness and hardship as long as time is yours?

9. N. and N., seeking only that which love induces each to give freely the other, do you both promise to live together in the bonds of matrimony in times of smiles and sorrows for as long as you both shall live?

10. Do you, N., choose N. to be your lawfully wedded wife/husband? Do you promise to share her/his joy, lighten her/his burdens, grow with her/him, celebrate her/his achievements, and give her/him the best of yourself now and in the days to come?

11. N., do you choose N. above all others to be your wife/husband? Through the best and worst of times, will you be her/his constant friend, grieve when s/he grieves, increase her/his laughter with your own, advocate her/his interests, honor her/his freedom to explore, try to understand her/him even when you disagree, and strive to mend friction between you? And, above all, will you love her/him with all of yourself?

12. Do you promise to continue to love, honor, comfort, and cherish this (wo)man as your wife/husband for better and for worse, for richer and for poorer, in sickness and in health, and to keep faithful to her/him for all the days of your life? And do you both promise to continue to plan your future together even after the grandchildren descend upon you?

13. N., wilt thou have this (wo)man to be thy wedded wife/husband to live together in the holy bonds of matrimony? Wilt thou love, comfort, honor, and keep her/him in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her/him so long as ye both shall live?

14. N., do you promise to love, honor, comfort, and cherish N. as a devoted life-long companion?

15. Do you accept this woman/man as your lawfully wedded husband/wife through every chance and change of life? And do you promise to honor her/him in plenty or poverty, cherish her/him in harmony or hardship, comfort her/him in well-being or illness, and to seek only that which her/his love induces to freely give as long as time is yours?

16. N., dost thou take this (wo)man whom thou dost hold by the hand, choosing him/her alone from all the world, to be thy wedded husband/wife? Wilt thou love, comfort, support, honor, and cherish him/her in sickness and in health, sorrow and joy, and adversity and prosperity, and forsaking all others, remain faithful to him/her as long as ye both shall live?

17. N., and N., if you trace your finger around this circle, you simply return. Likewise, together, you will find happiness in the knowledge that the seasons will come and go and then return constantly. Whether we accept it or not, like it or not, such are the ways of the universe, as it encircles us with a sense of common humanity. If bitterness cast shadows, do you both promise to work on cultivating the sweetness of passion and illumination? If frailty encloses you at times during your shared cycle of life, will you strengthen each other so that you feel the ambition to expand and grow? Do you promise to now join together in a marriage without end? And do you pledge to give your partner unwaivering dedication so your marriage never falters but matures and deepens instead?

18. The oaths you will now exchange forge a binding agreement, a contract: do you both enter this marriage as trustworthy and caring partners with enough mutual fondness to guarantee a life-long attachment by which you will become each other's appendage? ...Do you bring any talisman to delineate your new marriage? Please present these to each other: these are the trademarks portraying your new family. Utere Felix – use with luck.

19. You now wish to offer tokens in pledge that you will fulfill and hold endless your commitment. Do you both promise to make these rings the visible signs of the inward spiritual grace signifying onto all the uniting of your lives in matrimony? Will you make these lovely, enduring signs by polishing them as emblems of a love that cannot be defied, denied, or tarnished? Knowing that once you give and accept a ring you will belong to each other in an inviolable relationship, do you promise to strive to abide in harmony and hope as a married couple?

20. *Do you pledge to help each other develop your minds and hearts with concentrated, enthusiastic compassion as you undergo the delights and burdens of life? *Understanding that we are mysterious to ourselves and each person is a mystery to us, do you pledge to remain empathetically open to each other's unique opinions and beliefs? *Do you pledge to work for the welfare of others – to apply antidotes to anger and ignorance, as well as to try to engage in acts of selflessness? *Recognizing that external conditions are not smooth and that you will sometimes feel challenged by negativity, do you pledge to try to make confusing circumstances into opportunities for growth? *Do you pledge to not only preserve, but enrich your affection for one another by radiating love? *Do you pledge to reflect in sincere appreciation for all the gifts you receive by giving the very best you have to offer?

These are broken into phrases or sentences and then repeated after the officiant. While many choose to just say “I do,” others also exchange “repeat after me” or personal vows.

21. I take you as my lawfully wedded wife/husband to have and to hold from this day forward. for better and for worse, for richer and for poorer, in sickness and in health, and to love, honor, and cherish all the days of my life.

22. I appreciate all the ways that make you unique — the way you sing and smile, your sense of humor, the nice things you do for others, dedication to family, and your willingness to stand up for injustice. I am also grateful for your gentleness, forgiving nature, patience with me, the warm, protective circle you form around me, and your illogical willingness to indulge my

whims and take care of me. You inspire me to become a better person. I hope that I can live up to your expectations. I will try to be more flexible, empathetic, sensitive, compassionate, comforting, affectionate, and generous. No matter what may come, I will offer you unconditionally my love, care, and devotion.

23. This ring is a simple token. But it as strong as my love for you. Its circle is as endless as my love for you. As adventures come our way, should you lose it, never fear. I will always provide another one. You are my greatest treasure, my love, my hope, my most cherished one, and I will always look out for you. Please accept this ring as a sign of my devotion. May it constantly encircle your finger just as you encircle my heart with warmth, and as my love will always surround you.

24. I take you as my wife/ husband. I will respect and listen to you, comfort and help you, and grow with you through happiness and hardships each day of my life.

25. I take you to be my lawfully wedded spouse to love, admire, and comfort from this day forward in hardship or abundance and frailty or strength. All I have I share with you as long as time is ours. I offer you the adventurous fun of friendship. And I give you the patient care of love. I promise to work to increase your happiness. And I promise to work to decrease your burdens. I cherish what I know and do not yet know about you. Please wear this ring everyday to remember our love. With this ring, I join with you into our own cycle of life.

26. I promise to be unto thee a loving and faithful spouse. In token of our abiding love, with this ring I thee wed, and thereto pledge all I am, all I have, and all I will ever be with constant faith, affection, and kindness.

27. Yo te tomo para ser mi esposa(o) para tener y sostener, para bien o para mal, en riqueza o pobreza, en salud o enfermedad, y para amar y respetar todos los dias de mi vida.

28. Yo te entrego este anillo como un simbolo de nuestro matrimonio. Todo lo que soy te lo entrego. Y todo lo que tengo lo comparto contigo.

29. I promise to be your loving husband/wife. I will comfort and help you, stimulate your imagination, learn more about you and the world, share your joy and sorrow, respect all your ways, be your confidant and ally, and give you the best of myself all the days of my life.

30. Luck brought us together, but memories, trust, and love will hold us together. I will work to provide a safe and affectionate home in which I will value all you do and say. I will hold onto a healthy sense of humor. I will strive to be open, patient, and kind. Please accept me in marriage whether times be good or bad. As the circle in this ring has neither a beginning nor end, so will my loyal, loving care remain constant. In token of the vow between us made, I give you this ring. We belong together, and I am yours in marriage.

31. I love you. May our rings remind us of these vows daily: I will try to watch my tongue, listen with genuine interest, think compassionately, touch with sensitivity, accomplish at least half the work I promise to do, and play fairly.

32. N., in accordance with the intent of God, and the advice of sages and scripture, I promise

be your loving and faithful husband/wife unconditionally. I will listen to you and share your laughter and tears. I will be tender-hearted, kind, and wise in my daily comfort of you. I will cherish you in good and hard times. I will forgive with grace and seek forgiveness for my faults. I love you, and I choose you above all others: I pledge to undertake to care for you in mind, body, and spirit now and every future day we share together.

33. N., I take you to be my wife/husband; and I promise to be onto you a loving and faithful husband/wife. I commit to you in fidelity and loyalty; I will keep you in health or sickness and prosperity and adversity and in any condition it please God that you may have. Nor for worse or for better will I change towards you until the end.

34. With this ring I thee wed; with great affection, I thee honor; with all of myself; I thee endow; in loving loyalty and constant faith (so help me God).

35. I, N., take thee, N., 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. In token and pledge of our constant faith and abiding love, with this ring I thee wed, in the spirit of divine love. Amen.

36. For some time now, I have waited for this moment. I cannot imagine my life without you. When I hope, I hope for strength to become a better person to make your life happier and more fulfilled. We know each other very well, and I trust future adventures will only bring us closer. Today, I promise before this witnesses (our family and friends) to build bright tomorrows with you. I will help you when you need my help, listen to your stories, care gently for the unspoken needs of your heart, and remain faithful and loving as long as we both shall live.

37. With this ring, I marry you, as a sign of my continuous love, commitment, and affection. I will be a loving and faithful partner “come rapture or ruin.”

38. N., I choose you above all others to be my wife/husband. Through the best and worst of times, I will be your constant friend, grieve when you feel pain, increase your laughter with my own, advocate your interests, honor your freedom to explore, try to understand you even when I disagree, strive to mend any friction, and, above all, love you with all of myself.

39. Our rings are distinctively separate. With this ring, I promise never to constrain you, but offer you the sweetness of liberty to be yourself. I give you this gift as a sign of my promise to encourage you to engage with the world freely and independently. I promise to care for you with pride and never permit our bond to become fragile. My love is as endless as the circle expressed in this ring, and as strong as the materials binding it together. As we grow more attuned and traverse barriers, I trust our union will yield long-lasting security.

40. N, everywhere in nature are circles. The Planets. The Sun. Moon. Tree Trunks. Bubbles. The seasons unfold in cycles. Even our eyes, heads, and hearts are circular. And our lips become round as they kiss. These, and many more, symbolize my promise to uphold the power of our love to renew and refresh us all the days of our lives.

41. N., we will not always be together with our hands united or even minds and hearts attuned. Please take this ring as an outward sign of the inward bond uniting us in a loyal, lifelong partnership. The circle expressed in this band is a geometrically graceful artifact of the way love will often pull us into a cycle without a clear destination. Today I promise to help empower you so you may cope with the unanticipated course of life. This ring is a sign of our committed love in marriage. May it wrap around your finger just as my love will encircle you always with natural warmth. May it be the visible sign of our eternal connection to show the world.

42. I give myself and receive you in marriage and bestow upon you all the blessings I can give.

43. Please accept this ring as a symbol of my continued devotion. I loved you yesterday, but I love you even more today, and I know this love will only increase. With you by my side, I want to awaken to every morning, and each day fills with beautiful promise. The family we create together is the greatest gift I will ever receive. Many future adventures stand in front of us. No matter what we find, I will always be there for you. With this ring, I give you all I am, have, and will become.

44. It seems like only yesterday that we first met. Since then, problems and accomplishments have only deepened my love for you. I recognize that sometimes I take advantage of you; sometimes I do not listen closely enough. But I can honestly say that I love you on the amazing and not-so-fun days. Please take this ring as a sign of my promise to be your confidant and greatest fan always. From this day onwards, I will strive to be more supportive and caring.

45. I give you this ring as a sign of our unity as a family. It reflects how our lives intertwine in one unbroken circle. I know we may face troubles, but we are stronger together than apart. Wherever we may go, we will always return to our togetherness.

46. Please wear this ring in token and pledge of our love.

47. I give you this ring as my first gift to you as my wife/husband/partner-in-life. Please wear it in remembrance of our vows.

48. With this ring I thee wed. (or With this ring, I marry you.)

49. N, you are my closest friend. I want to grow old with you, raise children with you, and share life's good and hard times with you. I promise to respect and cherish you for all of my life. With this ring, I marry you.

50. Even when we are old and gray, I only want to come home to you. Please marry me.

MORE CONTEMPORARY VOWS...collected from various sources to save you some time!

1b. I love you. You are my best friend. Today I give myself to you in marriage. I promise to encourage and inspire you, to laugh with you, and to comfort you in times of sorrow and struggle. I promise to love you in good times and in bad, when life seems easy and when it seems hard, and when our love is simple, and when it is an effort. I promise to cherish you, and to always hold you in highest regard. These things I give to you today, and all the days of our lives

2b. I vow to love you and care for you as long as we both shall live. I take you, with all of your faults and strengths, as I offer myself to you with my faults and strengths. I will help you when you need help, and will turn to you when I need help. I choose you as the person with whom I will spend my life.

3b. No matter what life brings, I take you as my friend and love, beside me and apart from me, in laughter and tears, and in conflict and peace. I ask that you be no other than yourself, as I love what I know of you and trust what I do not.

4b. I take you to be my husband/wife. I will cherish our friendship and I will love you today, tomorrow, and forever. I will trust you and honor you. I will laugh with you and cry with you. I will love you faithfully through the best and the worst, and through the difficult and the easy. No matter what may come, I will always be there to comfort you. As I have given you my hand to hold, so I give you my life to cherish.

5b. From this day forward, I make a promise: whatever happens, you shall not walk alone. I'll stand by your side, and sleep in your arms, I'll be the joy in your heart, and your closest confidant. May you feel deeply loved, for indeed you are. Through our brightest days and our darkest nights, I take you into my heart.

6b. You have filled my world with meaning. You have made me so happy and more fulfilled. Thank you for taking me as I am; for loving me, and welcoming me into your heart. I promise to always love you, respect you as an individual, and to be faithful to you forever. Today I choose you to be my partner, and commit myself to you for the rest of my life.

7b. I commit my life to our friendship and love in marriage. I promise to comfort you, to encourage you, and to support you. I promise to express my thoughts and emotions to you and to listen to you in times of joy and in times of sorrow. I love you, and you are my closest friend. I vow to share life and all that I am with you always.

8b. I cherish you, for being all that you are, all that you are not, and all that you can be. Know that I am here for you, and that your pain will be mine, and your joy mine as well.

9b. Today I join my life to yours. From this day on, I will be your companion. You are my dearest love and my best friend. I look forward to our separate and shared successes. I welcome the challenge of any obstacles we encounter, for I know that whatever we face, we face it together. Because your happiness is vital to me, I will help you to grow as an individual. Because you deserve no less than my best, I will also strive to be more fully myself. I pledge

that I will listen to you when you speak, encourage you in times of doubt, comfort you in times of sorrow, and be your refuge of strength in times of uncertainty. I will be faithful to you all days of my life, caring sincerely and thoughtfully for you always, and will cherish and adore you every moment of my life. This is my solemn vow.

10b. I want to wake up with you every morning and fall asleep next to you every night. I want to laugh, dream, fight, and make up. I want to make babies, mistakes, and magic. All with you.

11b. I take you to be my partner in life and my one true love from this day forward for as long as I shall live. I will cherish our union and love you more each day than I did the day before. I will trust you and respect you, laugh with you and cry with you, and love you faithfully through the good and bad, regardless of the obstacles we may face together. I give you freely my hand, my heart, and my love.

12b. As we go through life together, I will be your lover, companion, and friend, your ally in conflict and mischief, your greatest fan and your toughest adversary, your comrade in adventure, your student and your teacher, your consolation in disappointment, your accomplice in mischief, your strength in your need and vulnerable to you in my own, and most of all, your associate in the search for enlightenment.

13b. When I go to the place in me that is Love. And you go into that place in you that is Love. There we are One.

14b. I promise to love and care for you through times of joy and times of sorrow, to rejoice when you are happy, and grieve when you suffer. I will try to share your interests and hopes for the future. Everyday, I pledge to try to understand you, even when I do not agree with you. I shall do all in my power to help you be your true self, the person God calls you to be. In all this, I ask God's help, now and in the days to come.

15b. I promise to love you above all others and to value your friendship as a precious gift. I look forward to raising our family and building our relationship under the guidance of God. I promise to stand beside you in sickness or health, in times of prosper and decline, in peace and in turmoil, for the rest of our lives.

16b. Long ago you were just a dream and a prayer. Thank you for all you have given me. With our future as bright as the promises of God, I will care for you, honor and protect you. I will love you in sickness as in health, in poverty as in plenty, and in joyful and difficult times. I will be your faithful partner for life. So help me God.

17b. Today to join my life to yours before this company. I pledge to be true to you and to respect you, as we grow through the years. Fortune may smile and trials may come. But no matter what we may encounter together, I vow here that our love will be my only love. I will make my home with you from this day forward. Today, I join my life to yours, not merely as your (husband/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 all paths from this day forward. With free and unconstrained soul, I give you all I am and all I am to become.

18b. Where there has been cold, you have brought warmth; where my life was dark, you have brought light. Name, I pledge before this assembled company to be your (husband/wife) from this day forward. Let us make of our two lives, one life, and let us always honor and respect each other. Our miracle lies in the path we have chosen together. I enter this marriage with you knowing that the true magic of love is not to avoid changes, but to navigate them and learn from them. Let us commit to the miracle of making each day work as a family. Whatever lies ahead, good or bad, we will face together. Distance may test us for a time, and time may try us. But if we look to each other first, we will always see a friend. Today I take my place as your (husband/wife).

19b. As we stand beside the ocean tide, may our love always be as flexible yet constant as these waves pouring beneath our feet, flowing endlessly from the depths of the sea. Your love came softly upon my heart, just as the foam comes softly upon the sand. As there will never be a morning without the ocean's flow, never will there be a day without my love for you. I pledge myself to you this day. Our love will be as dependable as the tide; as these waters nourish the earth and sustain life, may my constant devotion sustain you until the end of time.

20b. I promise to give you the best of myself and to ask of you no more than you can give. I promise to respect you as your own person and to realize that your needs and desires are no less important than my own. I promise to share my time and attention and to bring joy and imagination to our love. I promise to keep myself open to you, to let you see through the window of my world into my inner fears, feelings, secrets, and dreams. I promise to grow along with you, and to be willing to face changes to keep our relationship exciting. All this I promise from this day onwards.

21b. I take you as my partner, my friend and my love. My dreams will now intermingle with yours. I will seek to balance my needs with those of our family. I will draw from our combined experiences in our search for a fulfilling life. I will strive for harmony through compromise and understanding. I will be forgiving, but not complacent. From this day forward, I take shared responsibility for our marriage, family, and community regardless of our successes or failures. I promise to be faithful and true to you in all ways, to cherish you and respect you, to be a source of comfort and encouragement, at once free and bound by our love, as long as we both shall live.

American Catholic: I, N, take you, N, to be my husband/wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad in sickness and in health. I will love and honor you all the days of my life.

Quaker: 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 wife/husband as long as we both shall live.

Muslim Vow: I pledge, in honesty and sincerity, to be for you a faithful and helpful

husband/wife.

Allegedly Ancient Egyptian: I X, child of A, take thee Y, to be my husband/wife, to share the good times and hard times side by side. I humbly give you my hand and my heart as I pledge my faith and love to you. Just as this ring I give you today is a circle without end, my love for you is eternal. Just as it is made of incorruptible substance, my commitment to you will never fail.

Ring Exchange Vows

1c. Be sanctified unto me with this ring, according to the laws of Moses and Israel.

2c. As this ring has no end, neither shall my love for you

3c. I give this ring in remembrance of this hour as a symbol of my love for you.

4c. I am my beloved's. And my beloved is mine. *(from Song of Solomon)*

5c. I belong to you. And you belong to me.

6c. This ring is an ancient and blessed symbol. It is round like the sun, the eye, and arms that embrace. Its circle is for a love that is given and then comes back around again and again. Like this ring, true love illuminates like the sun and sees as clearly as the eye. May we embrace each other in faithfulness and sincerity. May our love be a grace upon the world. With this ring, I wish to bind my hand and heart to yours and share my life with you.

7c. Please wear this ring as a sign of my abiding love.

8c. I offer you this ring as a sign of my enduring love. Please wear it so all know that you are touched by my love.

9c. My heart is in your hands.

10c. *Traditional*: With this ring, I thee wed; With my body, I thee worship; With all my worldly goods, I thee endow.

11c. In token and pledge of our faith and love, with this ring I thee wed, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

12c. With this ring, I thee wed, as a symbol of my endless love for you.

13c. I give you this ring; please wear it with love and joy.

14c. As this ring encircles your finger from this day forward, so will my love always encircle you.

15c. I give you this ring as a reminder that I will love you every day of your life.

16c. This ring I give to you is a token of my devotion, and with my heart I pledge to you all that I am. With this ring I marry you and join my life to yours.

17c. Take and wear this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity.

18c. I give you this ring as a sign of my vow; with all that I am and all that I have, I honor you.

19c. I give you this ring as a symbol of my love. As it encircles your finger, as you are always surrounded by my enduring love.

20c. Because this ring is perfectly symmetrical, it signifies the perfection of true love. As I place it on your finger, I give you my endless love and all that I am and all I ever hope to be.

21c. As this ring's circle is perfect and strong, so too is my love for you perfect and strong.

22c. Desmond Tutu, South African Anglican Archbishop: We were made for complementarity. I have gifts you do not. And you have gifts that I do not. So we need each other to become fully human.

23c. Geoffrey Chaucer: Go little ring to that same sweet that hath my heart in her domain.

24c. This ring is round and hath no end, so is my love unto my friend. (16th c)

25c. With this ring, I give you my promise that from this day forward you shall never walk alone. My heart will be your shelter, and my arms will be your home. We will walk together through life as best friends. I promise that I shall to my best to always love you and accept you exactly the way you are. (J. Gioia)

26c. With this ring, I give you your freedom and my trust in you. I give you my heart until the end of time; I have no greater gift to give. (J. Gioia)

Neo-Pagan Vows

1d. In the name of the spirit of the divine that resides within us all, by the life that courses within my blood and the love that resides within my heart, I take you to my hand, my heart, and my spirit, to be my chosen one. To desire you and be desired by you, to possess you, and be possessed by you, without sin or shame, for none can exist in the purity of my love for you. I promise to love you wholly and completely without restraint, in sickness and in health, in

plenty and in want, in life and beyond, where we shall meet, remember, and love again. I shall not seek to change you in any way. I shall respect your beliefs, your people, and your ways now and forever.

2d. You cannot possess me for I belong to myself. But while we both wish it, I give you that which is mine to give. You cannot command me for I am a free person. But I shall serve you and the honeycomb will taste sweeter coming from my hand. I pledge that yours will be the name I cry aloud in the night, and the eyes into which I smile in the morning. I pledge to you the first bite from my meal and the first drink from my cup. I pledge to you my living and my dying, each equally in your care. I shall be a shield for your back. I shall not slander you. I shall honor you above all others, and when we quarrel, we shall do so in private and I will tell no one grievances. This is my wedding vow to you. This is the marriage of equals.

From Marcia Starck's *Women's Medicine Ways* ...

1e. take you in marriage to be my life partner, to walk, run, and dance this new path together, to love, care and share, to let the winds dance between us, let the fires burn within us, and the waters flow through us on our sacred journey. With this ring may a new consciousness begin; with this ring I thee wed, with my heart's faithful affection and my love to you.

2e. I am asking you to join me as my life partner, once again, as I travel on the sacred path to higher consciousness. I give to you from my heart, my pledge of truthfulness, commitment, and the freedom to soar as high as the birds, as we learn to love each other, love our family, and love Gaia, the earth. With this ring I give to you a reminder of your strength and your vision. I open to you my heart, to give and to feel the great joy and happiness, as we join together in marriage.