

## Selection A

### Traditional Protestant Vows

*The bride and groom join hands and face each other.*

*The man says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, 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, we do part,  
according to God's holy ordinance;  
and thereto, I pledge myself truly  
with all my heart.

*The woman says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to 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, we do part,  
according to God's holy ordinance;  
and thereto, I pledge myself truly  
with all my heart.

## Selection B

*The bride and groom join hands and face each other.*

*The man says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, 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, we do part,  
according to God's holy ordinance;  
and to you, I pledge myself truly  
with all my heart.

*The woman says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
as 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 we do part,  
according to God's holy ordinance;  
and to you, I pledge myself truly  
with all my heart.

## Selection C

### Traditional Presbyterian Vows

*The bride and groom join hands and face each other.*

*The man says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my wedded wife;  
I do promise and covenant  
before God and these witnesses;  
to be your loving and faithful husband;  
in plenty and in want;  
in joy and in sorrow;  
in sickness and in health;  
as long as we both shall live.

*The woman says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my wedded husband,  
and I do promise and covenant  
before God and these witnesses;  
to be your loving and faithful wife;  
in plenty and in want;  
in joy and in sorrow;  
in sickness and in health;  
as long as we both shall live.

## Selection D

*The minister addresses the couple:*

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, since it is  
your intention to marry, join your right  
hands, and with your promises, bind  
yourselves to each other as husband and  
wife.

*The bride and groom face each other  
and join their hands. Then, they say  
their vows in turn.*

*The man says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you,  
\_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife;  
and I promise,  
before God and these witnesses,  
to be your loving and faithful husband;  
in plenty and in want;  
in joy and in sorrow;  
in sickness and in health;  
as long as we both shall live.

*The woman says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you,  
\_\_\_\_\_ to be my husband,  
and I promise,  
before God and these witnesses,  
to be your loving and faithful wife,  
in plenty and in want;  
in joy and in sorrow;  
in sickness and in health;  
as long as we both shall live.

## Selection E

*The minister addresses the couple:*

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
since it is your intention to marry, join  
your right hands, and with your  
promises, bind yourselves to each other  
as husband and wife.

*The bride and groom face each other  
and join their hands. Then, they shall  
say their vows to each other in turn.*

*The man says:*

Before God and these witnesses,  
I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be  
my wife,  
and I promise to love you  
and to be faithful to you  
as long as we both shall live.

*The woman says:*

Before God and these witnesses,  
I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be  
my husband,  
and I promise to love you  
and to be faithful to you  
as long as we both shall live.

## Selection F

*The bride and groom join hands and  
face each other.*

*The man says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my wedded wife,  
and I pledge you my faithfulness  
till death, we do part.

*The woman says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my wedded husband,  
and I pledge you my faithfulness  
till death, we do part.

## Selection G

*The minister says:*

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
you have come together according to  
God's wonderful plan for creation. Now,  
before these people say your vows to  
each other.

*The bride and groom join hands and  
face each other. The minister says:*

Be subject to one another out of  
reverence for Christ.

*The man shall say to  
the woman:*

\_\_\_\_\_, I promise with  
God's help  
to be your faithful husband,  
to love and serve you  
as Christ commands,  
as long as we both shall live.

*The woman shall say to  
the man:*

\_\_\_\_\_, I promise with  
God's help  
to be your faithful wife,  
to love and serve you  
as Christ commands,  
as long as we both shall live.

## Selection H

*The bride and groom join hands and  
face each other.*

*The man says:*

\_\_\_\_\_, I promise, with God's help,  
to be your faithful husband,  
to love and serve you as Christ  
commands,  
as long as we both shall live.

*The woman says:*

\_\_\_\_\_, I promise, with God's help,  
to be your faithful wife,  
to love and serve you as Christ  
commands,  
as long as we both shall live.

## Selection I

Traditional Methodist Vows

*The bride and groom join hands and  
face each other.*

*The man says:*

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

*The woman says:*

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

## Selection J

*The bride and groom join hands and face each other.*

*The man says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_ 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, we do part,  
according to God's holy ordinance;  
and to you, I pledge my faith.

*The woman says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, 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, we do part,  
according to God's holy ordinance;  
and to you, I pledge my faith.

## Selection K

*The bride and groom join hands and face each other.*

*The man says:*

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.

*The woman says:*

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.

## Selection L

*The bride and groom join hands and face each other.*

*The man says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my wedded wife,  
and I pledge my faithfulness to you till death shall part us.

*The woman says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my wedded husband,  
and I pledge my faithfulness to you till death shall part us.

## Selection M

*The bride and groom join hands and face each other.*

*The man says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my wedded wife,  
and I do promise and covenant to be your loving and faithful husband;  
for better, for worse;  
for richer, for poorer;

in sickness and in health;  
so long as we both shall live.

*The woman says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my wedded husband,  
and I do promise and covenant  
to be your loving and faithful wife;  
for better, for worse;  
for richer, for poorer;  
in sickness and in health;  
so long as we both shall live.

## Selection N

*The bride and groom join hands and  
face each other.*

*The man says:*

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.

*The woman says:*

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.

## Selection O

*Then the minister shall say to the bride  
and groom:*

As a seal to the vows you are about to  
make, give each other your right hand.

*Then they shall say after the minister:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, now take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
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,  
until God shall separate us by death.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, now take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
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,  
until God shall separate us by death.

## Selection P

*(I Do Question Format)*

*Then the minister shall say to the bride  
and groom:*

Do you, \_\_\_\_\_, now take  
\_\_\_\_\_ to be your wife? And do you  
promise, in the presence of God and  
before these witnesses, to be a loving,  
faithful, and loyal husband to her until  
God separates you by death?

*Answer:* I do.

Do you, \_\_\_\_\_, now take \_\_\_\_\_ to  
be your husband? And do you promise,  
in the presence of God and before these  
witnesses, to be a loving, faithful, and

loyal wife to him until God separates you by death?

*Answer:* I do.

## Selection Q

*The bride and groom join hands and face each other.*

*The man says:*

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, cherish, and honor,  
till death, we do part,  
according to God's holy law;  
and to this, I give you my pledge.

*The woman says:*

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, cherish, and honor,  
till death we do part,  
according to God's holy law;  
and to this, I give you my pledge.

*The minister says:* God has heard your vows, and we are witnesses.

## Selection R

*Traditional Episcopal Vows*

*The bride and groom join hands and face each other.*

*The man says:*

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.

*The woman says:*

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.

## Selection S

*The groom turns and faces the people and says:*

I ask everyone here to witness  
that I, \_\_\_\_\_, take \_\_\_\_\_  
to be my wife,  
according to God's holy will.

*He then faces the bride, takes her hands, and says:*

All that I am, I give to you,  
and all that I have I share with you.  
Whatever the future holds,

I will love you and stand by you  
as long as we both shall live.  
This is my solemn vow.

*They loose hands.*

*The bride turns and faces the people  
and says:*

I ask everyone here to witness  
that I, \_\_\_\_\_, take \_\_\_\_\_  
to be my husband,  
according to God's holy will.

*She then faces the groom, takes his  
hands, and says:*

All that I am, I give to you,  
And all that I have, I share with you.  
Whatever the future holds,  
I will love you and stand by you  
as long as we both shall live.  
This is my solemn vow.

*They loose hands.*

## Selection T

*The bride and groom fain hands and  
face each other.*

*The man says:*

I take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my wife from this day forward,  
to join with you and  
share all that is to come;  
and, with the help of God,  
I promise to be faithful to you  
as God gives us life together.

*The woman says:*

I take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my husband from this day forward,  
to join with you and  
share all that is to come,

and, with the help of God,  
I promise to be faithful to you  
as God gives us life together.

## Selection U

*The bride and groom fain hands and  
face each other.*

*The man says:*

Before God and these witnesses,  
and in reliance upon the grace of our  
Lord Jesus Christ,

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my wife,

To have and to hold  
to love and to cherish  
to give and to receive  
to speak and to listen,  
to confront and to comfort,  
to repent and to forgive,  
to encourage and to respond  
to respect and honor.

"For where you go, I will go;  
your people will be my people;  
and your God will be my God."

I promise to bear with you  
and to be faithful to you  
in all circumstances of our life together  
so that we may join  
to serve God and others  
as long as we both shall live.

*The woman says:*

Before God and these witnesses,  
and in reliance upon the grace of our  
Lord Jesus Christ,

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my husband,

to have and to hold  
to love and to cherish  
to give and to receive  
to speak and to listen,

to confront and to comfort  
to repent and to forgive,  
to encourage and to respond  
to respect and honor  
"For where you go, I will go;  
your people will be my people;  
and your God will be my God."  
I promise to bear with you  
and to be faithful to you  
in all circumstances of our life together  
so that we may join  
to serve God and others  
as long as we both shall live.

## Selection V

*The bride and groom join hands and face each other.*

*The man says:*

I take you, \_\_\_\_\_, 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.

*The woman says:*

I take you, \_\_\_\_\_, 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.

## Selection W

*The woman and man face each other, joining hands.*

*The man says:*

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.

*The woman says:*

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.

## Selection X

*The minister shall say to the man and the woman:*

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, before God  
and these witnesses, make your  
covenant of marriage with each other.

*The man shall face the woman, take her hand in his and say:*

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  
as long as we both shall live.  
to this, I pledge myself  
truly with all my heart.

*The woman, still facing the man and taking his hand in hers, shall say:*

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  
as long as we both shall live.  
To this, I pledge myself  
truly with all my heart.

## Selection Y

*The man and the woman shall face each other and take hands. They shall say to each other, in turn:*

I give myself to you in marriage  
and vow to be your (husband/wife)  
all the days of our lives.  
I give you my hands  
and take your hands in mine  
as a symbol and pledge  
of our uniting in one flesh.  
I give you my love,  
The outpouring of my heart,  
as a symbol and pledge  
of our uniting in one spirit.

## Selection Z

*The bride says:*

I give myself to you to be your wife.  
I promise to love and sustain you  
in the covenant of marriage  
from this day forward,  
in sickness and in health,  
in plenty and in want,  
in joy and in sorrow,  
as long as we both shall live.

*The groom says:*

I give myself to you to be your husband.  
I promise to love and sustain you  
in the covenant of marriage,  
from this day forward,  
in sickness and in health,  
in plenty and in want,  
in joy and in sorrow,  
as long as we both shall live.

## Selection AA

*The bride and groom face each other and join hands.*

*The groom says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, in the presence of God,  
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,  
as long as we both shall live.  
This is my solemn vow.

*The bride says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, in the presence of God,

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,  
as long as we both shall live.  
This is my solemn vow.

*They loose hands.*

## Selection BB

*The bride and bridegroom face each other and join hands.*

*The groom says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my wife,  
according to God's holy will.  
I will love you and  
share my life with you,  
in sickness and in health,  
in poverty and in prosperity,  
in conflict and in harmony,  
as long as we both shall live.  
This is my solemn vow.

*The bride says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my husband,  
according to God's holy will.  
I will love you and  
share my life with you,  
in sickness and in health,  
in poverty and in prosperity,  
in conflict and in harmony,  
as long as we both shall live.  
This is my solemn vow.

## Selection CC

*The bride and groom face each other and join hands.*

*The groom says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, in the presence of God,  
take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife.  
All that I am, I give to you,  
and all that I have I share with you.  
Whatever the future holds,  
I will love you and stand by you  
as long as we both shall live.  
This is my solemn vow.

*The bride says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, in the presence of God,  
Take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my husband.  
All that I am, I give to you,  
and all that I have I share with you.  
Whatever the future holds,  
I will love you and stand by you  
as long as we both shall live.  
This is my solemn vow.

## Selection DD

Traditional Catholic Vows

*The bride and groom face each other and join hands.*

*The groom says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
for my lawful wife, to have and to hold,  
from this day forward,  
for better, for worse,  
for richer, for poorer,  
in sickness and in health,  
until death do us part.

*The bride says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,

for my lawful husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

## Selection EE

### Methodist Alternative Vows

*The Groom says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, ask you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife as my friend and my love. On this day I affirm the relationship we have enjoyed, looking to the future to deepen and strengthen it. I will be yours in plenty and in want, In sickness and in health, in failure and in triumph. Together we will dream, will stumble but restore each other, we will share all things, serving each other and our fellow humanity. I will cherish and respect you, comfort and encourage you, be open with you, and stay with you as long as we shall Live, freed and bound by our Love.

*The Bride says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, ask you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife as my friend and my love. On this day I affirm the relationship we have enjoyed, looking to the future to deepen and strengthen it. I will be yours in plenty and in want, In sickness and in health, in failure and in triumph.

Together we will dream, will stumble but restore each other, we will share all things, serving each other and our fellow humanity. I will cherish and respect you, comfort and encourage you, be open with you, and stay with you as long as we shall Live, freed and bound by our Love.

## Selection FF

### Traditional Quaker Vows

*The Groom says:*

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

*The Bride says:*

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

## Selection GG

### Unitarian Vows

*The Groom says:*

I,\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my 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."

*The Bride says:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to be my husband.  
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."

## Selection HH

Nondenominational Vows

*The Groom says:*

\_\_\_\_\_,  
I now take you to be my wedded wife,  
to live together after God's ordinance  
in the holy relationship of marriage.  
I promise to love and comfort you,  
honor and keep you,  
and forsaking all others,  
I will be yours alone  
as long as we both shall live.

*The Bride says:*

\_\_\_\_\_,  
I now take you to be my wedded  
husband,  
to live together after God's ordinance  
in the holy relationship of marriage.  
I promise to love and comfort you,  
honor and keep you,  
and forsaking all others,  
I will be yours alone  
as long as we both shall live.