

Wedding Vow Alternatives

Option 1 – Spoken by minister	
<p>____ [groom] ____, do you take ____ [bride] ____ to be your lawfully wedded wife, to live in matrimonial harmony according to the will of God to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish; for as long as you both shall live? Then answer before God and these witnesses with your – “Yes”</p>	<p>____ [bride] ____, do you take ____ [groom] ____ to be your lawfully wedded husband, to live in matrimonial harmony according to the will of God, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish; for as long as you both shall live? Then answer before God and these witnesses with your – “Yes”</p>
Option 2 – Spoken by minister	
<p>I ask you, [groom], will you live in matrimonial harmony with your bride according to the will of God? Will you honor, love, comfort, and protect her? Do you promise to never leave her until death parts you? If this is your firm decision and will, then confirm it before the triune God and this Congregation as witness, with an audible “Yes.”</p>	<p>I ask you, [bride], will you live in matrimonial conjunction with your groom according to the will of God? Will you honor, love, comfort, and protect him? Do you promise to never leave him until death parts you? If this is your firm decision and will, then confirm it before the triune God and this Congregation as witness, with an audible “Yes.”</p>
Option 3 – Spoken by minister	
<p>I ask you, [groom], as you stand before the Almighty God and this congregation, realizing and understanding the responsibility of the step which you are taking, will you take this woman who is standing beside you as your lawfully wedded wife? Will you care for, love, honor, respect, and cherish her in good and in evil, in riches and in poverty? Do you promise to share your life and remain faithful to her, and be a man whom she can lean and depend on all the days of her life? If this is your desire, answer with a loud and hearable yes.</p>	<p>I ask you, [bride], as you stand before the Almighty God and this congregation, realizing and understanding the responsibility of the step which you are taking, will you take this man who is standing beside you as your lawfully wedded husband? Will you care for, love, honor, respect, and cherish him in good and in evil, in riches and in poverty? Do you promise to share your life and remain faithful to him, and be a woman whom he can lean and depend on all the days of his life? If this is your desire, answer with a loud and hearable yes.</p>
Option 4 – Recited phrase by phrase by minister, repeated by couple	
<p>I, ____ [groom] ____, recognize you ____ [bride] ____, as a gift from God / and vow, before God and this congregation / to love and remain faithful to you, for better or for worse. / In our marriage, I will lead my life according to the commandments of God, / look up to you with esteem, and support you - / as long as I shall live. / So help me God! Amen.</p>	<p>I, ____ [bride] ____, recognize you ____ [groom] ____, as a gift from God / and vow, before God and this congregation / to love and remain faithful to you, for better or for worse. / In our marriage, I will lead my life according to the commandments of God, / look up to you with esteem, and support you - / as long as I shall live. / So help me God! Amen.</p>