

GENERIC SAMPLE VOWS

Generic Sample 1

[Minimum Legal Wording (which must be included)]

"[Name of Bride/Groom], I take you to be my wife/husband from this time onward, to join with you and to share all that is to come, to be your faithful husband/wife, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond; a commitment made in love, kept in faith, and eternally made new."

Generic Sample 2

[Minimum Legal Wording (which must be included)]

"I vow you the first cut of my meat, the first sip of my wine,
From this day it shall only your name I cry out in the night
And into your eyes that I smile each morning;
I shall be a shield for you back as you are for mine,
No shall a grievous word be spoken about us,
For our marriage is sacred between us and no stranger shall hear my grievance.
Above and beyond this, I will cherish and honour you through this life
And into the next."

Generic Sample 3

[Minimum Legal Wording (which must be included)]

"I [Name of Bride/Groom], take thee, [Name of Groom/Bride], to be my wedded wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, 'til death do us part, [optional: according to God's ordinance;] and thereto I pledge thee my troth."

Generic Sample 4

[Minimum Legal Wording (which must be included)]

"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,
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 life."
(Please note: additional wording is required to include the minimum legal wording.)