

Personal Vows Help Sheet

Why have personal vows?

Legal vows are short and to the point, they don't say much about you.

A personal vow is a great opportunity to...

- Personalise your wedding ceremony
- Make something beautiful and unique for you and your partner on your big day
- Think about your hopes for the future

Writing a Personal Vow sounds scary - help!

Don't panic. Your celebrant will help you.

I help my couples a lot. I give them samples and examples like this...

SAMPLE 1.

I love you. You are my best friend.

I promise to make you lots of tasty food and to help you eat it.

I promise to watch loads of box sets with you, and sometimes give you the remote control.

I promise, I will always be there for you.

SAMPLE 2.

When the rain falls, I will be your umbrella.

When the sun shines, I will still be your umbrella but this time acting as more of a parasol.

When times are mad, I will try to be sane.

When times are sane, I will try to be mad.

I will hold your hand and never let go.

I love you.

SAMPLE 3.

From this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, I promise to love you always.

To have and to hold, to comfort and support, to hug and to cuddle.

Forevermore.

SAMPLE 4.

I promise to love, trust and respect you, to be patient, kind and forgiving and to treasure every minute we spend together. I promise you honesty, respect and unconditional love.

Make it your own - Improve or personalise these vows!

Try asking yourself and your partner some questions like:

- What would you like me to promise you?
- What do you want or hope for from our marriage?
- What is the most important thing I could promise you?
- What promises would I like you to make to me?

Personal vows do not have to be identical, you may not want exactly the same things!

Whatever you choose, I hope you have a fantastic personal wedding ceremony that really celebrates you, your loves and reflects your passions.

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