

# Vows

## Commit to Water for Life!

To commit to water wedding vows, you can draw inspiration from **the symbolism of water** – its flow, depth, and ability to cleanse and renew – to craft vows that reflect your love and commitment. Consider incorporating phrases about the ever-flowing nature of your love, the strength and resilience of water, or the peace and serenity it can bring.

### Flow and Continuity

Compare your love to a river, always moving forward, ever-changing, yet always returning to the source. This can represent the enduring and evolving nature of your relationship.

### Depth and Mystery

Use language that speaks to the deep and mysterious aspects of the ocean, emphasizing the hidden depths of your love and the adventures you will share.

### Cleansing and Renewal

Highlight water's ability to cleanse and renew, symbolizing the fresh start and purification that marriage brings.

### Resilience and Strength

Refer to the power of water to shape landscapes and withstand storms, symbolizing your ability to face challenges together.

## Writing Your Own Vows

When writing your own vows, consider what you love most about water, how it's impacted your life, and your hopes for the future. Consider specific examples of your relationship and the promises you want to make. Start with an opening that addresses the water body directly, then share your feelings, make your promises, and conclude with a heartfelt closing.

## Tips for Writing and Delivering Vows

- Be authentic and sincere.
- Speak from the heart.
- Practise beforehand to ensure a smooth delivery.
- Consider your audience and choose language that is appropriate for your ceremony.
- Remember that your vows are a personal expression of your love and commitment.

## River Inspired Vows

### Focus on Personhood of the River:

"I vow to love you as deeply as the river, with all its beauty, its power, and its sense of adventure. Like the water that flows ever-forward, my love for you will be unyielding, unstoppable, and unending."

"With the sound of the water rushing by and the warmth of the sun on our skin, I promise to love you with all my heart. I vow to be your partner in all of life's adventures, and to share with you all of life's joys and sorrows."

"As we stand here by the river, I am reminded of the flow of life and the power of nature. With you by my side, I feel supported, loved, and filled with joy. I vow to cherish and honor you for all the days of my life."

### Focus on the river's journey:

"Like the river, our love will carve its own path, sometimes gently, sometimes with force, but always moving forward, together."

"Just as a river never stops flowing, my love for you will be a constant, a steady current in our lives."

"We will navigate the rapids and bask in the calm pools, just like a river flowing to the sea."

### Highlighting interconnectedness:

"As tributaries feed the river, my life is enriched by your presence, and I promise to be a source of strength for you as well."

"Like the river's connection to the ocean, our lives are intertwined, and I pledge to honour and cherish this bond."

"We are two rivers flowing towards the same sea, each with our own unique course, but destined to be one."

### Emphasizing enduring presence:

"I promise to be your constant companion, your steady shore, through all the seasons of life, just as a river is always there."

"Our love will be like a river, ever-changing yet eternally present, a source of life and beauty."

"Just as a river shapes the landscape, our love will shape our lives, creating a beautiful and enduring testament to our commitment."

### **Celtic Wedding Vows Option 1**

You are blood of my blood, bone of my bone. I give you my body, that we might be one. I give you my spirit, until our life is done.

### **Celtic Wedding Vows Option 2**

You are the star of each night,  
You are the brightness of every morning,  
You are the story of each guest,  
You are the report of every land.  
No evil shall befall you, on hill nor bank,  
In field or valley, on mountain or in glen.  
Neither above, nor below, neither in sea,  
Nor on shore, in skies above,  
Nor in the depths.  
You are the kernel of my heart,  
You are the face of my sun,  
You are the harp of my music,  
You are the crown of my company.

Sacred Earth Activism: [Back to Source - When the Rivers Were Goddesses](#) Written By Lorien Cadier

### **Traditional Christian Wedding Vows**

'I, (name), take you, (name) to be my wife/husband/partner 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 law. In the presence of God I make this vow.'

Here, the wedding ring is placed on the finger: 'With this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee worship, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

The vows according to the service in Common Worship - followed since 2000 - are as follows:

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### **Vows From Different Religions and Cultures**

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