

Marriage vows for a civil marriage



Piteå kommun

Civil marriage

Here are examples of how to word the marriage vows for a civil marriage. If you have your own suggestions, speak to the presiding official at your wedding

You have expressed a wish to enter into marriage with each other. Marriage is based on love and trust. By entering into marriage, you promise to respect and support each other. As spouses, you are two independent individuals who can gain strength from your union.

Since you have declared that you wish to enter into marriage with each other; I ask you: Do you NN take this man/woman NN to be your husband/wife, and to love him/her for better or for worse? (Answer: I do.)

Do you NN take this man/woman NN to be your husband/wife, and to love him/her for better or for worse? (Answer: I do.)

The couple can now exchange rings.

I now declare you lawfully married.

When you now go out into your lives and return to your daily routines, remember your desire for this union and the love and respect for each other that you have felt at this moment and that has brought you here.

(Words written by Per Anders Fogelström.)

May I wish you happiness and prosperity in your marriage.

Short version

You have declared that you wish to enter into marriage with each other. Do you NN take this man/woman NN to be your husband/wife? (Answer: I do.)

Do you NN take this man/woman NN to be your husband/wife?

(Answer: I do.)

I now declare you lawfully married.

Civil marriage - longer, in-depth version

Today, he (name) and she (name) are to be married. We are all gathered here to share with them this important moment in their lives. Let me tell you why they have chosen to become man and wife.

He (name) and she (name) have come before us all, family and friends, to openly declare their love for one another and their choice to live and grow together. They do this in the wish that we will all bear witness to their decision and respect and support it, now and in the future, thus making it even stronger.

They have accordingly not come here today for the formal making of sacred promises; they consider that promises can be broken too easily.

He (name) and she (name) have asked me to tell you what entering into marriage means to them. You are not getting married to possess each other or to create a sense of security. Your

belief is that one cannot possess someone else and that a true sense of security can only come from within oneself.

Neither do you want your marriage to restrict, control or in any other way prevent each other from expressing yourselves or from living in the way your heart desires. You have also said that once you are married you will neither demand, expect nor even hope that all you will need in life will be given by the other person.

You have told each other that you are entering marriage in the full knowledge that everything you need, all the love, all the wisdom, all the strength and all the power, will be found within yourselves. Therefore, you wish to live together not in the hope of receiving these gifts but in the hope of being able to give them so that the other might enjoy them in even greater abundance.

Finally, you agree that you therefore see marriage as a way of creating opportunities rather than obligations. Opportunities to grow, to create a life together - a life that you are not able to create separately, to help each other to see through all the deceptive thoughts and ideas that you have ever had about yourselves. Marriage makes it possible to go through life with someone you love and who is your equal, as well as sharing both the sorrow and joy encountered on this journey. Is what I have said your belief?

As a sign of your love and your union you shall now exchange rings. As of time immemorial the ring has been a symbol of eternity and peace, faithfulness and love, that which has neither a beginning nor an end. He (name), take now this ring that you wish to give to her (name) and repeat after me.

I, he (name), ask you, she (name), to be my beloved, my friend and my wife. I declare to you this day that my wish is to give you my deepest love and my sincerest friendship, both when you are happy and when you are sad, both when you act in love and when you do not act in love, both when you remember who you truly are and when you have forgotten it. It is my will and desire to be with you until death do us part.

She (name), do you choose to fulfil his (name) wish and become his wife? She (name), take now this ring that you wish to give to him (name) and repeat after me:

I, she (name), ask you, he (name), to be my beloved, my friend and my husband. I declare to you this day that my wish is to give you my deepest love and my sincerest friendship, both when you are happy and when you are sad, both when you act in love and when you do not act in love, both when you remember who you truly are and when you have forgotten it. It is my will and desire to be with you until death do us part.

He (name), do you choose to fulfil her (name) wish and become her husband? He (name), take now this ring that you wish to give to her (name) and repeat after me.

This marriage is borne out of the spirit of and reason for our being; it is borne out of the existence and origin of all things. May your home be a place of happiness for whoever might visit it. May your home be a place where both young and old, family and friends, will find joy in each other's company. May creation be a natural part of your lives, and may it be a source of delight.

May those who are close to you share in the beauty and the richness of your love, may your work give you pleasure and may it enrich others. May your days be many and happy during all the stages of your journey together through life.

Examples of your own marriage vows during a civil marriage

NN (man), take now this ring that you wish to give to NN (woman) and repeat after me:

I, NN, ask you, NN, to be my beloved, my friend and my wife.

My wish is to give you my deepest love and my sincerest friendship, both when you are happy and when you are sad.

It is my will and desire to be with you until death do us part.

NN, do you choose to honour NN's wish and become his wife?

Answer I do!

NN (woman), take now this ring that you wish to give to NN (man) and repeat after me:

I, NN, ask you, NN, to be my beloved, my friend and my husband.

My wish is to give you my deepest love and my sincerest friendship, both when you are happy and when you are sad.

It is my will and desire to be with you until death do us part.

NN, do you choose to honour NN's wish and become his husband?

Answer I do!

