

## 5 Popular Readings for Wedding Ceremonies

### 1 On Your Wedding Day

Today is the day you will always remember  
- the greatest in anyone's life  
You start off the day just two people in love  
And end it as husband and wife.

It's a brand new beginning, the start of a journey  
With moments to cherish and treasure  
And although there'll be times when you both disagree  
These will surely be outweighed by pleasure.

You'll have heard many words of advice in the past  
When the secrets of marriage were spoken,  
But you know that the answers lie hidden inside  
Where the bond of true love lies unbroken.

So live happy forever- as lovers and friends  
It's the dawn of a new life for you  
As you stand there together with love in your eyes  
From the moment you whisper 'I do'.

And with luck, all your hopes, and your dreams can be real  
May success find its way to your hearts  
Tomorrow can bring you the greatest of joys  
But today is the day it all starts.

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## On Marriage from "The Prophet" by Kahil Gibran

You were born together and together you shall be evermore  
You shall be together when the white wings of death scatter your day.  
But let there be spaces in your togetherness.  
And let the winds of the heaven dance between you.  
Love one another, but make not a bond of love.  
Let it be rather a moving sea between the shores of your souls.  
Fill each others cup but drink not from one cup.  
Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone, even as the strings of the lute are alone, though they quiver with the same music.  
And stand together, but not too near together, for the pillars of the temple stand apart, and the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each others shadow.

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## Love is Giving

Love is giving, not taking,  
mending, not breaking,  
trusting, believing, never deceiving,  
patiently bearing  
and faithfully sharing  
each joy, every sorrow,  
today and tomorrow.

Love is kind, understanding,  
but never demanding.

Love is constant, prevailing,  
its strength never failing.

A promise once spoken  
For all time unbroken,  
Love's time is forever.

# 4

## Love is a Mighty Power

Love is a mighty power, a great and complete good.

Love alone lightens every burden, and makes rough places smooth.

It bears every hardship as though it was nothing, and renders all bitterness sweet and acceptable.

Nothing is sweeter than love, nothing stronger, nothing higher, nothing wider, and nothing more pleasant.

Love is free and unrestrained.

Love knows no limits, but ardently transcends all bounds.

Love feels no burden, takes no account of toil, and attempts things beyond its strength.

Love sees nothing as impossible, for it feels able to achieve all things.

Love is not fickle and sentimental, nor is it intent on vanities.

Like a living flame and a burning torch, it surges upward and surely surmounts every obstacle.”

# 5

## A Marriage by Mark Twain

A marriage... makes of two fractional lives a whole;

It gives to two purposeless lives a work, and doubles the strength of each to perform it;

It gives two questioning natures a reason for living, and something to live for;

It will give a new gladness to the sunshine, a new fragrance to the flowers, a new beauty to the earth and a new mystery to life.