

# Most popular readings for wedding ceremonies



## The key to Love

The key to love is understanding  
La clé de l'amour est la compréhension  
the ability to comprehend not only the spoken word  
La capacité à ne pas comprendre uniquement les paroles  
but those unspoken gestures,  
Mais aussi toutes ces choses non dites  
the little things that say so much by themselves.  
Ces petites choses qui veulent dire beaucoup.

The key to love is forgiveness...  
La clé de l'amour est le pardon  
to accept each others faults and pardon mistakes  
Accepter les fautes et pardonner les erreurs  
without forgetting, but with remembering  
Sans oublier et en se rappelant  
what you learn from them.  
Ce que l'on en retient.

The key to love is sharing...  
La clé de l'amour est le partage  
facing your good fortune as well as the bad, together.  
Faire face ensemble au pire et au meilleur  
Both conquering problems, forever searching for ways  
Affronter les problèmes à deux, tout le temps chercher les moyens  
to intensify your happiness  
Pour intensifier votre bonheur.

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## The key to Love continued...

The key to love is giving...  
La clé de l'amour est le don  
without thought of return,  
Sans rien attendre en retour  
but with the hope of just a simple smile  
Juste l'espoir d'un simple sourire  
and by giving in but never giving up.  
Sans jamais renoncer.

The key to love is respect...  
La clé de l'amour est le respect  
realising that you are two separate people, with different ideas.  
Réaliser que vous êtes deux personnes distinctes, avec des idées différentes  
That you don't belong to each other,  
Que vous ne vous appartenez pas l'un l'autre  
you belong with each other, and share a mutual bond.  
Vous avancez ensemble vers un but commun.

The key to love is inside us all...  
La clé de l'amour est en chacun de nous  
It takes time and patience to unlock all the ingredients.  
Cela prends du temps de rassembler tous les ingrédients  
It is the continual learning process that demands a lot of work...  
C'est un processus d'apprentissage permanent qui demande beaucoup d'investissement  
But the rewards are more than worth the effort...  
Mais les bénéfices valent amplement les efforts consentis.

And that is the key to love!  
Et c'est la clé de l'amour.

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## 2 Love *by Roy Croft*

I love you,  
Not only for what you are,  
But for what I am  
When I am with you.

I love you,  
Not only for what  
You have made of yourself,  
But for what  
You are making of me.

I love you  
For the part of me  
That you bring out;  
I love you  
For putting your hand  
Into my heaped-up heart  
And passing over  
All the foolish, weak things  
That you can't help  
Dimly seeing there,  
And for drawing out  
Into the light  
All the beautiful belongings  
That no one else had looked  
Quite far enough to find.

I love you because you  
Are helping me to make  
Of the lumber of my life  
Not a tavern  
But a temple;  
Out of the works  
Of my every day  
Not a reproach  
But a song.

I love you  
Because you have done  
More than any creed  
Could have done  
To make me good,  
And more than any fate  
To make me happy.

You have done it  
Without a touch,  
Without a word,  
Without a sign.  
You have done it  
By being yourself.  
Perhaps that is what  
Being a friend means,  
After all.

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## Marriage Message *by James Dillet Freeman*

May your marriage bring you all the exquisite  
Excitement marriage should bring,  
And may life grant you also patience,  
Tolerance, and understanding.

May you always need one another-  
Not so much to fill your emptiness  
As to help you know your fullness.  
A mountain needs a valley to be complete;  
The valley does not make  
The mountain less, but more;  
And the valley is more a valley because  
It has a mountain towering over it.

May you need one another, but not out of weakness.  
May you want one another, but not out of lack.  
May you entice one another, but not compel one another.  
May you embrace one another, but not encircle one another.  
May you succeed in all important ways with one another,  
And not fail in the little graces.  
May you look for things to praise, often say, "I love you!"  
And take no notice of small faults.

If you have quarrels that push you apart,  
May both of you hope to have  
Good sense enough to take the first step back.

May you enter into the mystery which is  
The awareness of one another's  
Presence - no more physical than spiritual,  
Warm and near when you are  
Side by side, and warm and near when  
You are in separate rooms  
Or even distant cities.

May you have happiness,  
And may you find it making one another happy.  
May you have love, and may you find it loving one another.

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## 4 A Marriage Made for Two

A successful marriage can learn a lot from bicycle riding. You should promise each other that you will not be fair weather riders, but venture out together in the wind and the rain. Only by braving the storms as a team will you reap the rewards when the sunshine arrives.

Look after each other. A well oiled bike will run smoothly and change gear easily. Marriage is like a tandem... keep pedalling or the one at the front shouts at you! You should promise each other to not only enjoy new adventures and explorations, but appreciate the same old routes you know and love.

Marriage is a promise to each other to endure the climbs so that you may chase the swoops and swerves of perfect singletrack. The journey may be long and may have hills ahead, but if you climb together with love and passion, you will be able to achieve everything you both desire!

Wishing you all the best from the start line of the greatest endurance event of your lives. Good luck and may each lap be a great adventure.

## 5 The Best Things In Life Are Free

When we count our many blessings,  
It isn't hard to see  
That life's most valued treasures  
Are the treasures that are free,  
For it isn't what we own or buy  
That signifies our wealth.  
It's the special gifts  
That have no price-  
our family, friends and health.

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## 6 The Reading

Today (dear daughter), as you walk down the aisle  
You'll see all the faces wearing a smile.  
But as we remember those young tender years  
Our smiles will conceal a few hidden tears.  
It isn't through sadness, our emotions just whirl  
As we're both thinking back to our dear little girl  
They're not tears of sorrow, but tears full of joy  
And now you have grown and made us so proud  
As you smile for the camera and the rest of the crowd  
Remember .....as you become a new wife  
Remember ..... as you take your new wife  
You're still very much a part of our life!  
We're not losing a daughter, we are gaining a son,  
Your new lives as husband and wife have begun....  
So be blissfully happy and enjoy your 'Big Day'  
Have a wonderful marriage with a rose strewn way!

## 7 Reading for Wedding

We have come here today, as family and friends, to be with you as you promise yourselves to each other in marriage.

We are here because we love you, we support you and we wish you every happiness in your future together. By being here today, we affirm our involvement in your lives.

We acknowledge our duty to help, if asked, and accept your right to call on us in times of trouble. This is the greatest gift we can give you.

We ask only that you accept it with the love and sincerity with which it is offered.

We welcome you to each other's family.

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## Today I Will Marry My Best Friend

Today I will marry my best friend,  
The one I will live with, dream with and love.  
I choose you to be my husband/wife.  
From this day forward, I will cherish you,  
Laugh with you and cry with you.  
I will look with joy down the path of our tomorrow's  
Knowing we will walk it together  
Side by side, hand in hand and heart to heart.

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## Traditional Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

May God be with you and bless you;  
May you see your children's children.  
May you be poor in misfortune,  
Rich in blessings,  
May you know nothing but happiness  
From this day forward.

May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind be always at your back  
May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home  
And may the hand of a friend always be near.

May green be the grass you walk on,  
May blue be the skies above you,  
May pure be the joys that surround you,  
May true be the hearts that love you

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## 10 The Art of Marriage

Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens.

A good marriage must be created. In the Art of Marriage: the little things are the big ones. It is never being too old to hold hands. It is remembering to say 'I Love You' at least once a day. It is never going to sleep angry. It is no time taking the other for granted. It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives. It is standing together facing the world.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.

It is doing things for each other, not in the attitude of duty or sacrifice, but in the spirit of joy. It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is cultivating flexibility, patience and understanding and a sense of humour. It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.

It is finding room for the things of the spirit. It is a common search for the good and the beautiful. It is establishing a relationship in which the independence is equal, dependence is mutual and the obligation is reciprocal. It is not marrying the right partner, it is being the right partner.