

## **Alternative Wedding Readings**

Today is a day you will always remember, the greatest in anyone's life. You'll 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 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.

### **This is a wedding Poem by Whitney Hanson**

They say that sometimes love starts with a spark, and that might be true.

But if I were to wish you a love, I wouldn't wish fire for you.

You see fire is powerful, it burns bright then it's gone.

It's beautiful and warm, but it doesn't last long.

So instead of wishing you a love that burns, I wish you love like a river that twists and turns;

It changes and flows, it is powerful and free, but it consistently finds its way back to the sea.

And so, like the water, I hope your love is ever-growing, ever-changing.

I hope your love is powerful and free. and may you always find each other

like the river finds the sea.

### **Quote by Elizabeth Barrett Browning**

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 because you have done more than any creed could have done to make me good, and more than any fate could have done 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.

### **I Imagined You, By Tade Credgeur**

Before I met you... before I met you, I imagined you. Your hand in mine on warm summer days. Your arm around my shoulder when days grew cold.

Before I met you, I imagined the life we would build together, the days we would laugh and the struggles we would over come.

I imagined you in fairy tales, action movies, and on the other end of love songs.

I imagined our family and friends together and the home we would build for them to gather.

Before I met you, I carried you around like a wishful dream.

I knew you were out there, somewhere, imagining me.

And then I met you, and you are more than I could have ever imagined.

### **The Vow, Spoken by Paige**

I vow to help you love life, to always hold you with tenderness and to have the patience that love demands, to speak when words are needed and to share the silence when they are not, to agree to disagree on red velvet cake, and to live within the warmth of your heart and always call it home. I vow

to fiercely love you in all your forms, now and forever. I promise to never forget that this is a once-in-a-lifetime love. And to always know in the deepest part of my soul that no matter what challenges might carry us apart, we will always find our way back to each other.

**Love Is Friendship Caught Fire by Laura Hendricks**

Love is friendship caught fire; it is quiet, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection, and makes allowances for human weaknesses. Love is content with the present, hopes for the future, and does not brood over the past. It is the day-in and day-out chronicles of irritations, problems, compromises, small disappointments, big victories, and working toward common goals. If you have love in your life, it can make up for a great many things you lack.