

## Will You Marry Me? - Different Ways to Ask Someone to Marry You in Tagalog

Tagalog Sentence	Literal Translation in English	Conveyed Feeling
<b>Pakakasalan mo ba ako?</b>	<b>Will you marry me?</b>	This sentence on its own asks whether she <i>will</i> marry you, connoting that are confirming a fact or an eventuality. It can also convey some doubt or lack of conviction from your end. To a native speaker this would sound more like: "Are you going to marry me?" making the feeling of this Tagalog sentence incomplete.
<b>Magpakasal tayo.</b>	<b>Let's get married.</b>	This sounds more romantic than the dry " <i>Pakakasalan mo ba ako?</i> " but the problem with this is that it has the connotation that you have made up your mind and she is expected to go along and say "Yes." or even an instruction. That could kill the romance in it.
<b>Magpakasal na tayo.</b>	<b>Let's get married already.</b>	Adding the work "na" make the sentence sound like her marrying you is over due, or that it could have been done earlier. It could suggest that you and her have already had a long relationship.
<b>Pakasalan mo ako.</b>	<b>Marry me.</b>	This sentence sound strong, possibly even a demand. While the urgency of this sentence may add to the passion of the moment, it may sidestep the original thought of "Will you marry me?" which explicitly elicits a yes or no response.
<b>Gusto mo bang magpakasal?</b>	<b>Do you want to get married?</b>	This is another good contender. It lacks the short question format that makes the original question powerful, but it is a very natural way to phrase the question.
<b>Gusto mo bang magpakasal tayo?</b>	<b>Do you want us to get married?</b>	This is similar to <i>Gusto mo bang magpakasal?</i> but with the addition of the word <i>tayo</i> or <i>us</i> , it makes the question more specific. More specific is less romantic in this case.
<b>Magpapakasal ba tayo?</b>	<b>Are we getting married?</b>	Popping the question this way conveys a feeling similar equivalent to its literal English translation. It lacks expression of desire and commitment.
<b>Magpapakasal na ba tayo?</b>	<b>Are we getting married already?</b>	This sentence is similar to the one above, but adding the word "na" implies and impatience, or something that could have been done earlier.
<b>Magpapakasal ka ba</b>	<b>Are you going to</b>	This sentence structure connotes that you are just asking her whether or

<b>sa akin?</b>	<b>marry me?</b>	not she will eventually marry you. This question only seeks to confirm whether marriage will come down the line. It lacks the romanticism brought about the urgency of the original question in English.
<b>Gusto kitang pakasalan.</b>	<b>I want to marry you.</b>	This has the advantage of getting the point across, and expressing your burning desire to be betrothed to her. However, it does lack the essential element of being a question.
<b>Pakakasalan kita.</b>	<b>I will marry you.</b>	This sentence is similar to the one above. The simplicity of the sentence construction expresses a confidence in your decision and a strong conviction. It again however is not a question. It would however make a strong, passionate statement.
<b>Papayag ka bang magpakasal sa akin?</b>	<b>Are you going to allow it that you get married to me?</b>	This would be a natural way to ask a difficult question in Tagalog culture. However, this question lacks commitment from your end.
<b>Kailan mo gustong magpakasal?</b>	<b>When do you want to get married?</b>	This is indirectly asking her when she wants to get married by asking her when the wedding is going to do. This is a very Filipino way of asking difficult questions. However, it lacks the element that makes the question romantic. It is not a yes or no question. It is easy to avoid the question by giving a vague answer by referring to sometime in the future.
<b>Kailan tayo magpapakasal?</b>	<b>When are we getting married?</b>	It is similar to the question above, but it will elicit a more definite answer with the addition of the word <i>tayo</i> , which is the pronoun that specifies the two of you.
<b>Kailan ang kasal natin?</b>	<b>When is our wedding?</b>	Popping the question this way gives the impression that you are assuming she will agree and you are just confirming a time frame.
<b>Editor's Pick</b>		
<b>Mahal kita. Pakakasalan mo ba ako?</b>	<b>I love you. Will you marry me?</b>	Adding the sentence <b>Mahal kita.</b> meaning "I love you." completes the thought of the original incomplete feeling of <b>Pakakasalan mo ba ako?</b> which is the literal translation "Will you marry me?" and fills this empty question with conviction and passion.