# An Anniversary Letter of Love

Happy Anniversary, Babe.

These past five years have been the happiest and fullest of my life.

My world is a beautiful place because of you…because of this love that you have given me.

Thank you for sharing with me your positive outlook on life.  When I grow panicky and full of anxiety, you calm and soothe me.  When I feel that things are bigger than I am, you are always there, holding my hand, showing me that together we can handle anything in our path.

Thank you for the security that you offer me.  Your stable, calm nature brings precious peace to my world.  Few things feel better than falling asleep at night, knowing that you are always there for me.

Thank you for your sense of  humor.  So often, I grow focused on the bumps in the road.  I love that you tell me jokes that are so long that it takes you eleventy years to get to the punchline, because by the time you’re done, I can’t remember what was even plaguing me in the first place.

Thank you for remaining endlessly patient with me.  I am indeed a work in progress.  I appreciate your ability to look at me and know that although I am imperfect, my strengths outnumber my weaknesses.

Thank you for truly loving me unconditionally.  The knowledge that even when I stumble and fall, you are there to pick me up, brush me off, and hold me close, is undoubtedly one of the lovelist gifts ever given to me.

Thank you for supporting me and pushing me further than I think I can possibly go.  Thank you for acknowledging that being a mother and wife is just a part of who I am and for encouraging me to be Nichole, the writer, the woman, the individual.

Thank you for Katie.  She is magic and wonder.  She is you.  She is me.  I suspect that even if I thank you every day for the rest of my life, I will never be able to adequately express my gratitude to you for helping me to become a mother.

Thank you for Matthew, the sweet boy that [I didn’t realize I even wanted](http://inthesesmallmoments.com/?p=1081" \o "Gender Disappointment" \t "http://inthesesmallmoments.com/2010/08/an-anniversary-letter-of-love/_blank).  Thank you for holding my hand when we found out that we were having a boy and for assuring me that he was going to bring amazing things to our world.  You were patient with me and you were so incredibly wise.  He and his sister fill my heart with such tremendous happiness and joy that it nearly explodes with love.

Thank you for promising me forever and for being ever-willing to do the work necessary to keep our marriage strong.

Thank you for investing in our marriage every single day.  Whether it’s bringing me my coffee in the morning, calling me during the day to tell me a funny story, or sharing a beer with me in the evening, you know exactly how to make me feel connected to you.

Thank you for being you and thank you for the gift of your love.

I am beyond blessed to call you my husband and my very best friend.

I love you.