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A Pledge for Fatherhood & Male Responsibility

As a father and/or man of responsibility, I recognize that my example as a man will have an incredible impact on the lives of my children and other children in the community. Therefore, today I pledge that I will attempt to fulfill this role in a manner that ultimately benefits all children by committing to the following principles:

- Be a man that teaches his children through his actions the value of being true to your word.
- Provides for his children and family physically, financially, emotionally, mentally and spiritually to the best of his ability.
- Nurtures the gifts and talents of his children and other children in the community.
- Teaches children that manhood is not about violence or taking advantage of others but of being caring and responsible.
- Contributes to making his community one of peace and one that does not tolerate violence.
- Does not justify the use of emotional, sexual, physical, mental, or economic abuse against a partner or others in his family or community.
- Is an example of speaking up against injustice and oppression even when it is more comfortable to say nothing.
- Treats his children with sensitivity and understanding making them confident to ask for help or to seek counsel for misjudgments.
- Provides support and protection to his and other children with love and dignity.
- Teaches his children that self-betterment or attaining resources does not mean taking advantage of others.
- Takes time for introspection and reflection, and includes positive traditions in his life so his children can connect with their culture and/or spiritual traditions.
- Lives these values honestly and with love so that all children understand they are valued and seen as a blessing to their father, family, and community.

By signing this pledge, I will work each day to fulfill the actions of these principles and will seek to build or maintain myself as a man who understands the honor of being a FATHER and Man of Responsibility.

Signed: _____

Pledge of Our Fathers



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