

## The Declaration of Intent to Marry 31

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Dear friends, marriage is a legal relationship which is one of the foundations of community and society. It is, therefore, a public and civil relationship which expects all other people to honor and respect it, as our Supreme Court has now fully recognized. Marriage is also a spiritual relationship – a covenant of heart and soul, and a shelter for love and intimacy. Marriage is not to be entered into lightly, but is to be understood by all as a lifelong connection of two lives, two hearts, two fortunes and two futures. Marriage involves both privileges and obligations. Because of this, I ask you:

Do each of you enter this union freely and without coercion? We do

Are you prepared to accept both the rights and responsibilities of married life? We are

Is it your intention to support, honor, defend and uphold one another in all circumstances? Yes

*I do not claim to be the original author of this script. I am sharing it like this to make it easier for anyone to use.*