The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance



Boy at Veterans Day Parade Birmingham

Our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy. The American Legion and Daughters of the American Revolution recommended changes in the 1920s, and the Pledge has been revised with the last change coming on Flag Day 1954 when Congress passed legislation adding the words "under God." President Eisenhower signed the Pledge and Veterans Day into law in 1954.









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Meaning of our Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance has 31 words in 10 phrases.

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE: I, you, we promise to serve our country loyally.

TO THE FLAG: our country's symbol of freedom recognized around the world.

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: 50 independent states joined together through a constitution.

AND TO THE REPUBLIC: a country led by representatives chosen by the people.

FOR WHICH IT STANDS: a defender of human rights and fairness for all.

ONE NATION: a single nation for millions of people.

UNDER GOD: affirmation our individual rights and values come from a source higher than our government and should be protected.

INDIVISIBLE: our country must not divide into parts, focusing on common ground and staying together even in disagreements.

WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE: freedom to live one's life while honoring our laws and be treated fairly.

FOR ALL: you and me, for every citizen in our country!



