

I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Let's take a few minutes at this pivotal time in our nation's history to reflect on what it means to say the pledge.

**I pledge allegiance** means you are making a solemn promise with loyalty and devotion.

**To the flag of the United States of America:** The flag is the symbol of what you are pledging allegiance to.

**And to the republic for which it stands:** Not a democracy, not socialism, but a republic—A government of the people, by the people, and for the people and not to be confused with a People's Republic.

**One nation:** We are a nation of *sovereign* states, uniting for the things we cannot do better ourselves such as national defense, but not to give up our independence to become clones of what the federal government thinks a state should be.

**Under God:** Our nation was founded by men and women who believed in God, in a common moral code and that people need to be good in order to maintain our republic.

**Indivisible:** Not to be divided in our mission of preserving the greatest and freest nation in the history of the world.

**With liberty:** The Founding Fathers knew that men were given natural rights from God and that the most basic right is freedom. That freedom includes economic freedom with the right to private property and the right not to be taxed to have that property redistributed to those that didn't earn it.

**And justice for all:** Not social justice, justice. Not fairness by equalizing outcomes, but fairness with equal opportunity. *Justice* is living under the rule of law that treats all men the same by not giving preferential treatment to some because they are in a special group, class, or party and not usurping the law to promote your political agenda.

When you say the pledge, renew your promise to defend the principles that uphold our Republic and as our Founding Fathers did, pledge your life, property, and sacred honor to keep it from being destroyed.

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