
A Pledge of Americanism.

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1. I am proud that the United States of America is my country, the Stars and Stripes my flag. No matter from what race I sprang or what nation may claim my friendship, my watchword shall be America first. A citizen by birth or choice, I will ever strive to make my government revered at home and respected abroad. I believe in open, just, and honorable covenants with other nations to establish, in keeping with the laws of God, a world of justice and peace.

2. Above all party or selfish interests, I will uphold our officials in the administration of the laws. I will abide by the decisions of the majority and respect the rights of the minority. I will support the Constitution of the United States and oppose every organization destructive to my country's good. I will follow no party that does not carry the flag and keep step to the music of the Union.

3. As a member of this great nation, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign nation of many sovereign states, I will cherish and uphold the divine principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity, for which American patriots sacrificed their fortunes and

their lives; and I pray God to bless my country and her people.

4. I believe my country's protection, her rights and privileges, her burdens and duties, should be justly distributed to all — to the poor, the rich, the laborer, the capitalist. I believe that our industries and commerce should promote social and spiritual as well as material welfare; that the laborer is entitled to fair wages, reasonable hours of work, proper working conditions, a decent home, and opportunity for recreation, education, and worship; and that our government should insure to every individual security of life, limb, health, and property.

5. I will do my best to keep physically strong, morally clean, and mentally active; to know my country's history and the laws of my city, state, and nation, so that with the voice and vote of a citizen I may take an intelligent part in our government.

6. I believe in the vital importance of education, the sacredness of the home and the marriage tie. As my country's future depends on the intelligence

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and character of its people, of myself, and my neighbors, I will ever strive for a higher standard of citizenship.

7. Since our Constitution guarantees that no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification for public office, and since Congress can make no law to establish a religion or prohibit the free exercise thereof, I will never discriminate against any citizen because of his religion.

8. I hold in grateful memory the gallant service of our army and navy in defense of our liberty and our rights. I honor the men who served our country in times of peril, who carried our flag through the wars which gave us freedom. I will make my gratitude practical by helping in every way to restore them to a place of honor and prosperity in civil life.

9. Therefore, I PLEDGE to my country the love of my heart, a true, constant, and absolute loyalty. I pledge respect and obedience to her laws. I pledge my property, my service, my honor, and, if need be, my life to defend her. I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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