



*Pledge of Allegiance
to the Flag*



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.

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March Time
Intro.

Musical Setting by
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f *B \flat dim. B \flat 7*

VOICE

mp

E \flat Ab Cm E \flat Cm E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat Gm7 \flat 5 C7 Fm Fm7 \flat 5

I pledge al - le-giance, pledge al - le-giance, Pledge al - le-giance to the flag, To the

B \flat 7 Fm7 Gm B \flat 7 E \flat E \flat ang5 Cm E \flat 7 Ab Fm B \flat Dm7 \flat 5 E \flat Cm E \flat 7

flag of the U - nit - ed States of A - mer - i - ca, A - mer - i - ca, And

Ab B \flat 7 E \flat Cm Fm Gm B \flat 7 E \flat

to the Re - pub - lic for which it stands!—

The musical setting to the above was created at the suggestion of Congressman Louis C. Rabaut whose House Resolution 243 was signed into law on Flag Day, June 14, 1954. The words "under God" were inserted in the Pledge as a result of Congressman Rabaut's resolution.

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CHORUS

Gm Eb Ab6 Abm6 Eb Gm7b5 C7 Fm Fm7b5

One Na-tion un-der God, One Na-tion un-der God, In-di-

p-mf

Bb7 Ab6 Bb7 Gm Eb Bb7 Eb7 Ab Bb7 Bb9 Eb Bb7 Eb Bb Bb7

vis-i-ble with lib-er-ty and jus-tice for all, In-di-

Fm Abm6 Bb Gm Eb Bb7 Eb7 1. Ab Bb7 Eb Ab Eb Gm

vis-i-ble with lib-er-ty and jus-tice for all. One

2. Ab Bb7 Eb Ab Eb

jus-tice for all.

rit. - al - Fine

vbrs.

History of the Pledge

THE original author of the pledge was Francis Bellamy, who was born at Mount Morris, New York, May 18, 1855, and died August 28, 1931. He was ordained in 1879 at the Baptist Church in Little Falls, New York. The pledge he wrote was first used at the dedication of the World's Fair Grounds in Chicago on October 21, 1892, the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America, and has been recited from that day to this, with some changes, by school children throughout our land. Reverend Bellamy's original wording was altered slightly by the First and Second National Flag Conferences in 1923 and 1924 and his work was officially designated as the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Public Law 287, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved December 28, 1945. On June 14, 1954, Flag Day, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law House Joint Resolution 243, introduced by Representative Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan, which added to the Pledge of Allegiance the compelling and meaningful words "under God".

The song "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag", composed by Irving Caesar, ASCAP, at the request of Representative Louis C. Rabaut, was sung for the first time on the floor of the House of Representatives on Flag Day, June 14, 1955, by the official Air Force choral group, the "Singing Sergeants", under the direction of Captain Robert L. Landers, AFRES, in special Flag Day ceremonies.