

A Christian pledge of allegiance

In public school classrooms, civic clubs and in many other settings, millions of Americans say the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. For Christians who want alternative wording, Associate Mennonite Biblical Seminary professors June Alliman Yoder and J. Nelson Kraybill drafted the pledge below. "This pledge follows cadences of the pledge to the flag," Kraybill says, "but the focus is on loyalty to a Trinitarian God known most fully in Jesus Christ. It highlights the fact that our highest allegiance is to a global people of God, not to a territorial political entity."

*I pledge allegiance to Jesus
Christ,*

*And to God's kingdom for
which he died—*

*One Spirit-led people the
world over, indivisible,*

*With love and justice
for all.*