

The United States of America:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, inadvisable, with liberty and justice for all.

The United States of America Flag:



*There are three colors in the flag. The Biblical meaning for the number three is divine completeness and perfection.

*The colors red, white, and blue together equal liberty and justice.

*There are a total of 13 stripes. The thirteen stripes symbolize the thirteen British colonies that gained independence from Great Britain in 1776 and were the founding states of the US. However, the Biblical meaning for the number 13 means the "outworking of pride." The two *Hebrew* letters that make up the number 13 are *YOD* and *GIMEL*; translated to English, these letters represent the hand or outworking, pride, or lift up. It can also be used to symbolize rebellion and iniquity or lawlessness. Note: The meaning of the word "*outworking*" is the process by which something is carried out or accomplished; the act or results of developing something (to complete or work something out.)

*Red signifies blood and warfare.

*The red stripes signify the stripes on Jesus' back.

*The red does not stand alone. Due to the blood stripes, we are purified (white stripes) by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the 13 sin-stripes are covered by the blood and the Holy Spirit through the process and the accomplished work carried out on the Cross—*outworking*.

*White signifies purity, righteousness, and the Holy Spirit.

*Blue signifies the healing "power" of God.

*The "blue rectangle" in the top left represents honesty, strength, stability, and balance. The rectangle also symbolizes the doorway and doorpost. Likewise, Jesus is the Door to salvation and the stability that holds us up.

*The rectangle was in the top left; for the most part, when the Bible uses the word "left" to describe the left side, it refers to the material world and things that are not spiritual in nature.

*The symbol of the star signifies the Star of Bethlehem, which points to Jesus Christ.

**There is a total of 50 stars. The biblical meaning for the number five is "*grace*." The biblical definition for the number zero is of "*God's Divine nature*." Fifty displays "the Holy Spirit."

*When we combine the meaning of the blue rectangle with the purpose of the 50 stars, we see that through the door of grace stands Christ, who covers our sinful nature.

*The wooden stick that is attached to the flag signifies the wooden Cross. Likewise, the flag pole signifies the Cross as the flag is high and lifted up.

*The flag as a whole is a type or picture of Jesus Christ as He is high and lifted up on both the Cross and through our worship.

*Jesus Christ is Jehovah—Nissi—our banner. A banner is a flag.

*The cord (draw-string) is a three-strand which signifies the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Unity of the Godhead; A three-strand cord is not easily broken.

*John 12:32, "*And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.*" Here, we see how the drawstring (or the Father and the Holy Spirit) lifts up Jesus as He offered Himself as our sacrifice.

*The flag blows in the wind, which represents the Holy Spirit and the breath of God.

*The flag is never to be disrespected, allowing it to touch the ground. The flag is considered sacred. Likewise, God is to be honored with great respect and reverence.

*When a military person dies in war, their family receives the folded flag at their memorial as a symbol of honor. Likewise, when Jesus died and had risen, He folded His napkin, of honor, as a symbol that He would be back.

Now, Let's Look at The Pledge:

*Allegiance: loyalty or commitment of a subordinate to a superior or individual to a group or cause.

*United States of America: All 50 states are united.

*Republic: a state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives, and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch.

*One nation under God: founded on the principles of God.

*Indivisible: unable to be divided or separated.

*Liberty: the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views; the state of not being imprisoned or enslaved. In other words, salvation.

*Justice: just behavior or treatment; the quality of being fair and reasonable.

Synonyms: · justness · fair play · fair-mindedness impartiality · impartialness · lack of bias · objectivity · neutrality · disinterestedness · lack of prejudice · open-mindedness · nonpartisanship · honor · uprightness · integrity · honesty · righteousness · ethics · morals · morality · virtue · principle · right-mindedness · trustworthiness · incorruptibility

In other words, the characteristics of Jesus Christ.

Putting It All Together:

I pledge my loyalty and commitment to the United States of America--Our nation under God's principles. We cannot be divided or separated due to salvation as we all act according to God's character.

The whole picture of the United States of America and the flag is that we have "**unity**" with God through salvation and the shed blood of Jesus Christ. A symbol of love for both God and country.

God's banner is of love. *Song of Solomon 2:4, "He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me is love."*

Eagle—The United States National Bird:



Eagles have always symbolized freedom, strength, and power. They are considered the kings of the sky and were adopted by several ancient cultures, including Rome, as a symbol of that country's leadership and immortality. The United States declared the bald eagle its national bird in 1792 due to its long lifespan and majestic presence.

The Bible's first mention of the eagle is in *Leviticus 11:13*. Eagles, along with vultures and other unclean birds, were prohibited as food for the Israelites. God gave the newly formed nation of Israel dietary laws to help set them apart from the pagan nations around them. The nutritional instructions were also provided for health reasons as part of God's promise to "put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians" (*Exodus 15:26*).

The next time an eagle is mentioned is in *Deuteronomy 32:11* as part of the song God instructed Moses to teach the Israelites (*Deuteronomy 31:19*). In that song,

God compares His care for His people to that of a mother eagle who spreads her wings to cover her young and carry them away from danger (*Exodus 19:4*).

Throughout Scripture, eagles represent God's handiwork, such as in *Proverbs 30:19*, which says that "*the way of an eagle in the sky*" is an example of God's beautiful creation. *Job 39:27* is another example. But eagles also symbolize power. God often used the visual image of an eagle in issuing warnings to Israel and other nations who did evil (*Obadiah 1:4; Jeremiah 49:22*). He chose the bird they considered powerful and unstoppable to demonstrate His sovereign control over everything.

Isaiah 40:31 is the most familiar Biblical reference to eagles: "*But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint.*" This verse is the conclusion of a chapter detailing the greatness of God. It reminds the reader that the strongest men may stumble and fall, but those who trust the Lord have a strength that this world cannot offer. When we see an eagle in flight, soaring in the sky, we can be reminded that the Creator who supplies the eagle's strength will also strengthen those who call upon His name (*Psalms 50:15; Isaiah 55:6–7*).