

## Explanation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Narrator: We often recite the Pledge of Allegiance without really listening to or understanding the words we are saying. We will recite it now and try to explain the meaning of each word.

Scout #1: I . . .

Narrator: I, an individual, a committee of one.

Scout #2: Pledge . . .

Narrator: Dedicate all my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Scout #3: Allegiance . . .

Narrator: My love and devotion.

Scout #4: To the flag . . .

Narrator: Our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom, dignity, respect, and loyalty.

Scout #5: Of the United . . .

Narrator: United means that we are one.

Scout #6: States of America . . .

Narrator: States – individual communities that have united into 50 great states – 50 individual communities, with pride and dignity and purpose; all separated by imaginary boundaries, yet united in a common bond, love for country.

Scout #7: And to the Republic . . .

Narrator: Republic – a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern, and the government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

Scout #8: For which it stands . . .

Scout #9: One nation under God . . .

Narrator: Blessed by God.

Scout #10: Indivisible . . .

Narrator: Incapable of being divided.

Scout #11: With liberty . . .

Narrator: Which is freedom, the right to live one's own life without threats, or fear of some sort of revenge.

Scout #12: And justice . . .

Narrator: The principle or qualities of dealing fairly with others.

Scout #13: For all.

Narrator: For all, which means boys and girls, ladies and gentlemen, it's your country as much as it is mine. Will you all please stand and repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance.