

## *Write it Right!*

On June 14, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill adding the words “under God” to our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Before that, God was not mentioned in the Pledge.



Why would Congress and President Eisenhower decide to acknowledge God in our Pledge to our Flag? Could it be because Communism was taking hold around the world and Eisenhower wanted to define our nation publically and to the next generation as “one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice

for all?”

Naturally not everyone was happy about the addition. Some people hate acknowledging God, and the fight against God in our Pledge of Allegiance goes on.

Meanwhile, we should thank God for Eisenhower’s step to keep God alive in our national daily walk. Reciting the Pledge every day, we grew up knowing we were “one Nation under God.” Moreover, we did not want it any other way!

On the other hand, this addition drove us into a false sense of security because our U.S. Constitution—the legal document which defines our nation—defines our nation as under “We the People.” God is never mentioned.

If we really want the United States to be “Under God,” then as “We the People,” it is our responsibility to act toward that end. Eisenhower and his Congress added “Under God” to the Pledge. “We the People” can do the same to our U.S. Constitution. We can return to our roots and *Write it Right*, as the Pilgrims did in their Mayflower Compact:

*In the name of God, Amen.  
By the grace of God, for the glory of God, in the presence of God,  
we the people of the United States...*

# UPDATES:

*Under God, We the People, Returning to our Roots*, began in 2021 with the launching of our website at [undergodwethepeople.com](http://undergodwethepeople.com), creating brochures for handouts, developing workbooks for group study, and designing caps and tee-shirts for exposure.

Also, in 2021, we held our first workshop with two middle school students, and they loved it.

By God's grace, we expanded into areas of Nebraska: workshops for the American Legion in Crawford and York, another workshop in North Platte; presentations at the Statewide American Legion Conference in Columbus and a Sunday service at Chadron's Spirit of Faith church. In addition, our caps and tee-shirts have been a hit.

Not surprisingly, almost everyone agrees God should be in our U.S. Constitution. Yet most balk at the idea of pursuing such action. The two main reasons are: (1) Such an endeavor is impossible; (2) It may involve giving up some of our American ideals. But if our American ideal is for the United States to be "under God," then it's time to give up our other ideals and trust God for the impossible.

As we enter 2023, we hope to have more workshops, more presentations, and more exposure. Please help through prayer, wearing a cap or tee-shirt, sponsoring a workshop, and/or getting involved with our city, state, and national legislators.

Who knows? Perhaps you have been called for such a time as this. Let's stand together, asking God to give us His Name on our United States Constitution.

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