

# Patriotic Ceremony

## **(in unison) I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**1<sup>st</sup> girl:** What do those words mean to you? To me they say, thank you America, for your strength, your courage and for our freedom which has been a beacon to the world for over two hundred years.

## **(in unison) OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**2<sup>nd</sup> girl:** Whose bright stars are fifty states each bearing its own stamp of individuality, PEOPLE, two-hundred million strong, people who have come to her from all corners of the earth.

## **(in unison) AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> girl:** A land of laws with an ingenious system of checks and balances that allows no man to become a tyrant, and lets no group prevail, if their power is not tempered with a real concern for the governed. A land where the right of dissent and of free speech is jealously guarded, where the ballot box is the sword, and the people its wielder.

## **(in unison) ONE NATION UNDER GOD**

**4<sup>th</sup> girl:** A land where freedom of worship is a corner-stone of Her being. A land graced with temples and churches, synagogues and altars that rise in profusion to embrace all the religions of the world.

## **(in unison) INDIVISIBLE**

**5<sup>th</sup> girl:** A land forged by the hot steel of raw courage, and formed forever by the awful crucible of Civil War.

## **(in unison) WITH LIBERTY**

**6<sup>th</sup> girl:** Where man in pursuit of an honest life will not be denied his chance. Where her citizens move freely within her vast borders without hindrance or fear, a land brimming with opportunity. Where freedom of choice is the guideline for all.

## **(in unison) OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**7<sup>th</sup> girl:** The courts of our land are open to all. Its wheels of justice grind for all causes, all people. They look to every avenue of justice, every concern of the law, and they temper their reasoning with mercy.

**(in unison) 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 is FOR ALL.**