

The Mayor's Pledge

*I pledge allegiance to the Truth for truth enables
liberty, justice, and compassion for all.*

*I pledge loyalty to the People our governments
must serve.*

*I pledge to protect the Earth, our temporal home,
and all the wonderful life that surrounds us.*

*I pledge allegiance to the United States of America,
our Constitution, and the rights it protects.*

*I pledge to promote science, art, and industry for
they enrich our lives and our city.*

*Come join us in the work of this council as we
dedicate our efforts to the people of Sioux Falls and
manage city affairs for the betterment of all.*

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Prayer for Community

Dear Lord, we ask that you wrap our troubled world in your loving arms. Help us spread your gifts to the people we meet daily. Touch us with your spirit so we live as your loving children. Gather your people together in the spirit of community and fellowship with your loving light.

We pray that you guide our government into your will. Guide our allegiance to the truth, for truth enables liberty, justice, and compassion for all. Foster our loyalty to the people our governments must serve. Help us protect the Earth, our temporal home, and all the wonderful life that surrounds us. Guide our allegiance to world community, our country, our American Constitution, and the rights it protects. Help us enrich our earthly lives through science, art, and industry.

Please touch our leaders with wisdom, empathy, and courage to do your Will on earth as it is in heaven. We ask you to lead us in the work of this council as we dedicate our efforts to the people of Sioux Falls and manage city affairs for the betterment of all.

We seek your serenity and counsel in drawing the world's religions together in compassion and spiritual growth while we seek eternal peace, grace, and love. Thank you heavenly Father for your cherished wisdom, your guidance, and your infinite love.

In this we pray, Amen.

After pondering how our city council meetings start with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, I wrote my personal secular pledge and later this prayer for community. I look forward to leading local government with the principles in my pledge and prayer. One of my principles is that we should settle down and enjoy life. Meditation and prayer help us do that. So does time in nature; that's why my city council presentations usually end with a landscape; so we enjoy earth and life a little more.