

PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

The meeting opens with a strong and enthusiastic pledge and invocation. This sets the upbeat tone for the meeting

What To Say:

The pledge is first. The President will call on you. You stand and say a version of this: “Toastmasters and guests: please stand and face the flag. Join me in the pledge of Allegiance. ‘I pledge allegiance to the flag. . .’”

The invocation is second. You may write your own invocation, or borrow one from on-line suggestions or books of quotes.

Because we have a very diverse group, keeping your message general rather than specifically denominational works best. For example, “Let us give thanks to the Father, Mother, Higher Power . . .rather than, “Let us give thanks to Jesus (or Joseph Smith or Buddha) for all our blessings”. . . . An exception might be when you use an invocation from a specific group that you identify. E.g. “This morning’s invocation comes from the Navaho Indians (or the Mormon church or my daughter’s Sunday school class or from a Zen master I met recently). The whole idea is to be inclusive rather than exclusive. If it works, it’s also good to tie the invocation in with the theme of the day.