



# The American's Creed

## By William Tyler Page

The American's Creed was written in 1918 in the course of a nationwide contest.

Then Mayor of Baltimore, James H. Preston, offered a prize of \$1,000 for the winning statement, which went to William Tyler Page. Mr. Page worked for the Government at the Capitol all his life, beginning in 1881.

For twenty-two consecutive years, he led the assembled Continental Congresses of the Daughters of the American Revolution in reciting the Creed. He died October 18, 1942, the day after he led the recitation of the American's Creed at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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I believe in the United States of America  
as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people;  
whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed;  
a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign  
States; a perfect union, one and inseparable;  
established upon those principles  
of freedom, equality, justice,  
and humanity for which American patriots  
sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it;  
to support its Constitution; to obey its Laws; to respect its Flag;  
*and to defend it against all enemies."*

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