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A Navy spokesman says the Virginia chaplain who's been fasting for the right to pray in Jesus' name is free to pray at worship services where attendance is voluntary.

But Chaplain Gordon Klingenschmitt cannot pray in Jesus' name in mandatory "command settings" that are not specifically religious in nature. The Navy spokesman, Lieutenant William Marks, tells WorldNet Daily that the Navy wants chaplains to be inclusive "in those instances."

Klingenschmitt began his water-only fast more than two weeks ago, and has urged President Bush to sign an executive order allowing military chaplains to pray according to their beliefs regardless of the venue.

Marks and Klingenschmitt are both based at the Norfolk Naval Station.

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