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Navy Chaplain Enters Tenth Day of Hunger Strike

Chaplain Klingenschmitt is asking President Bush to issue an Executive Order allowing military chaplains to pray according to their individual faith traditions.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 /[Christian Wire Service](#)/ -- Chaplain Klingenschmitt has been forbidden to pray or take part in public worship while he is still in uniform. (See letter at www.earnedmedia.org/navyletter.htm)

Chaplain Kingenschmitt comments, " I am asking the President of the United States to give me back my uniform and let me publicly pray in the name of Jesus. Since 1860, the law has allowed military chaplains to conduct public worship according to their own faith tradition."

Rev. Patrick J. Mahoney, Director of the Christian Defense Coalition, who had joined Chaplain Klingenschmitt on his hunger strike states, " We ask President Bush to issue an Executive Order allowing military chaplains to pray according to their own faith traditions. It should never be the role of government to dictate to American citizens, especially the clergy, on how they are to publicly pray."

So far, 74 members of the Congress, 6 members of the Senate and 173,000 American citizens have asked President Bush to stand for religious freedom and issue this order.

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