

# ENGEL V. VITALE (1962)

A CLASSROOM IN LONG ISLAND, N.Y. 1958

LET'S BEGIN OUR DAILY PRAYER...



IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE...

MY KID DOESN'T WANT TO SAY THE PRAYER.

MINE DOESN'T SAY IT. BUT IT MAKES HER STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB.



AT THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

THE CHILDREN ARE NOT FORCED TO SAY THE PRAYER. THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ACKNOWLEDGING THE RELIGIOUS HERITAGE OF OUR COUNTRY. EVEN THIS COURT BEGINS WITH A REFERENCE TO GOD.



THE CHILDREN ARE FORCED TO SAY THE PRAYER BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BE LIKE THEIR FRIENDS. THE PRAYER VIOLATES THE ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT. THE SCHOOL IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN A RELIGIOUS MATTER.

