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**Chaplain Klingenschmitt Offered Extension on Naval Contract - Still on Hunger Strike to Be Allowed to Pray "In Jesus Name"**

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**The Navy Chaplain today said he had accepted the extension but is still not allowed to wear his uniform when using Jesus' name in prayer. Below is a press release from Chaplain Klingenschmitt.**

*Chaplain Gordon James Klingenschmitt, the Navy Chaplain punished for praying "in Jesus name," continues to fast and pray that President Bush will sign an executive order protecting all military chaplains' rights to pray according to their conscience.*



*After nine months of threatening termination of his 14-year career, the Navy suddenly reversed their position this week and offered him a 3-year contract extension, after he protested in front of the White House and appeared on national TV.*

*But they still won't let him appear in uniform; if he talks about Jesus publicly he must wear civilian clothes. "I'll continue to fast until they give me back my uniform, and let me pray publicly in Jesus name," the Chaplain said, now entering day 14 of his water-only fast.*

*To express your views, call the White House at 202-456-1414 or email [president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov) and ask the President to issue an executive order enforcing the law originally instated in 1860 which allows military chaplains to pray according to their diverse faith tradition.*

*More details are available at Chaplain Klingenschmitt's web-site: [www.persuade.tv](http://www.persuade.tv)*