**Troop 109**

**Scouts Own Service**

**A Guide Book for Chaplains Aid**

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**Church Service Openings**

**1.      This is the Day**

Leader This is the day the Lord has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad.

**2. Call to Worship**

 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

 Serve the Lord with gladness!

 Come into his presence with singing!

 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

 and his faithfulness to all generations.

**3.      Psalm 100: 1 – 3**

``Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into His presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.''

**4.      Watch Over Us**

O Great Spirit! Watch over us as we begin this day. Protect us as we live in your care. Give us bounty and hold us from harm. We are your children and wish only to please you. We hold our Mother Earth close to our hearts and wish her goodness. We thank You for your love.

--American Indian

**5.      Lord Stay With Us**

Lord, stay with us as we come together; let all the earth keep silence in your presence.

 Dear Lord, bless all those everywhere who contribute to shape the hearts, minds, and bodies of young people. Let us remember what they have taught and apply it daily.

When facing deceit and dishonesty, let us be Trustworthy. If we see hypocrisy and faithlessness, let us be Loyal. Where disregard of others and mere materialism prevail, let us be Helpful. In an atmosphere of ill manner, let us be Courteous. Where some measure manliness in brutality and crudeness, let us be Kind. Though lawbreaking and rule-scoffing are common, let us be Obedient. While others grumble and grouch, let us be Cheerful. In an environment blighted by waste and extravagance, let us be Thrifty. When confronted with danger and temptation, let us be Brave. As we see filth and pollution everywhere, let us be Clean. While witnessing impiety and irreligion, let us remember to be Reverent.

In short, in a world that has for generation after generation lamented the lack of good examples, let us, as Scouts, stand out, grow up, and be real adults.

 Amen

**6.      Prayer of Thanks Giving**

We thank you today

For the adventure of Scouting,

For the unselfishness of parents,

For the patience of teachers

And for the encouragement of friends.

**7.      God of the Open Air**

God of the open air, we kneel reverently in this temple not made with hands.

The tall pines lift our thoughts above us to the Source of all this beauty.

The singing of the feather-throated choir puts a melody in our hearts, a song of joy and praise and trust.

All the discordant notes of the world are muted; all the problems of life are forgotten.

We are filled with an inner peace and know that here we have found Thee.

As we leave this hallowed spot, may the reality of Thy presence go with us to give us courage and strength for our daily tasks.

 Amen.

**Church Prayers**

**1.** **A Scout is a Friend to All**

Fill us, 0 Lord, with Your spirit that we may observe Your command, "Love one another, even as I loved you." May we know the love that sees only the good and is patient and forbearing; that grows stronger when difficulties increase; and that overleaps the barriers of class, of creed, and of country. Help us to love the neighbor we know so that we may learn to love our fellow-men whom we have not seen. Strengthen the bond between Scout and Scout in our Group, in our land, and throughout the World. So may we further the coming of Your Kingdom of goodwill and love; following the example of Jesus Christ. Amen

**2.      Thanks for the Beauty of Children**

We give thanks for the beauty of children and their joy in all beautiful things. For their mirth and laughter, and for the joy and light they bring into the world. For their enthusiasm, their abounding energy and their love of the heroic and adventurous. For their candid generous trust in those around them, and for their quick response to calls of love and service.

 Amen.

**3.      For Harmony Amongst Ourselves**

Father, we pray for harmony; as we seek to preserve in our Scouts the natural spirit of mutual good will, help us to show them a true example. Grant that the relations between all Scouters may ever be those of hearty cooperation and true affection. Let no class, race or policy divide us. Let personal ambition be far from us, and may we ever regard it as our chief privilege to serve You in this holy labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

 Amen

**4.      Leadership**

O Lord, grant that we may so carry out in our lives the spirit of the Scout Law that we may teach it to others by living it ourselves. Grant also, 0 Lord, that we may understand the true meaning of Service for others, and humbly follow the great example of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

 Amen.

**5.** **To Be Scoutlike**

Grant to us, Lord, the spirit to think and to think and to do always such things as be Scoutlike; that we, who cannot do any good thing without You, may by You be enabled to live according to our Promise and Law; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

 Amen.

**6.** **For the Joy of the Year**

Our Lord and creator,

We thank You today for the beauty of our world.

For sunshine and flowers,

Storm-cloud and starry nights,

For the first radiance of dawn

And the last glow of sunset.

We thank you for physical joy,

For clear water to swim in,

For the fresh smell of rain on dry ground,

For hills to climb and work to do together.

Make our hearts wide open to these gifts,

And help us to live in thanksgiving to You,

Our Lord and our creator.

 Amen

**7. A Scouts Prayer**

We have hiked along life's pathway,

Our packs upon our backs,

We have pitched our tents and rested

Here and there along the tracks.

We have used our compass wisely

To guide us on our way

And hope to reach the campsite

Of our Great Chief Scout some day.

We have tried to be trustworthy -

Kept our honor high and bright

We have been as loyal as any

To our Country and our might

We have done our best at all times -

Kept our Promise - been prepared,

And hope our good deeds please Him

When at last our souls are bared.

We have lightened others' burdens,

With our smiles along the way,

We have kept our hand in God's hand,

Walked beside Him day by day.

And when our span of life runs out,

We'll make this gentle plea -

May we sit around His Campfire

At the Final Jamboree.

**8.      Prayer for Peace**

God, make me an instrument of Your Peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy;

That I may seek to console, rather than to be consoled,

To understand rather than to be understood,

To love rather than to be loved:

For it is in giving that we receive,

In self-forgetfulness that we find our true selves,

In forgiving that we are forgiven:

God, make me an instrument of Your Peace.

**9.      Sioux Prayer**

 Ho! Great Spirit, Grandfather, you have made everything and are in everything. You sustain everything, guide everything, provide everything, and protect everything, because everything belongs to you. I am weak, poor and lowly; nevertheless, help me to care, in appreciation and gratitude to you and for everything.

 I love the stars, the sun and the moon, and I thank you for our beautiful mother, the Earth, whose many breasts nourish the fish, the fowls and the animals, too. May I never deceive Mother Earth; may I never deceive my people; may I never deceive myself; and above all, may I never deceive you.

**10.  Opening Thanks**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks for all our blessings.

**All** :God, our Father; we thank you for the

beauty of the earth, for the food we eat and for

the comforts we enjoy. Help us to love others

more, to be concerned with the problems of our

day, and to understand Your will in our actions.

Grant us the strength to live wisely and well, to

be worthy users of Your creation and ready and

willing workers for the causes of goodness.

Amen.

**11. Please help us ....**

To be good sportsmen, fair and honest in work as in play and in everything we do.

To find ways of serving you by helping other people as best we can

To be worthy of our uniform and loyal to our promise,

Behaving as true brothers to all mankind

To look after your creation and keep this world as lovely a place as you intended it to be

To help all children who are not so lucky as we,

Especially those who are hungry or lonely, sick or sad

To be loving and caring as we grow older and to do our

Best to repay your blessings in every way we can.

**12. Great Spirit Prayer**

"Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the wind, Whose breath gives life to all the world. Hear me; I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people.

Help me to remain calm and strong in the face of all that comes towards me. Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Help me seek pure thoughts and act with the intention of helping others. Help me find compassion without empathy overwhelming me.

 I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy

- Myself.

**13.** **An Indian Prayer**

by H. Kent Craig

My grandfather is the fire, My grandmother is the wind. The Earth is my mother, The Great Spirit is my father. The World stopped at my birth and laid itself at my feet and I shall swallow the Earth whole when I die and the Earth and I will be one.

Hail The Great Spirit, my father, without him no one could exist because there would be no will to live.

Hail The Earth, my mother without which no food could be grown and so cause the will to live to starve.

Hail the wind, my grandmother for she brings loving, life-giving rain nourishing us as she nourishes our crops

Hail the fire, my grandfather for the light, the warmth, the comfort he brings, without which we be animals, not men

Hail my parent and grandparents without which not I, nor you, nor anyone else could have existed.

Life gives life which gives unto itself a promise of new life

Hail the Great Spirit, The Earth, the wind, the fire praise my parents loudly for they are your parents, too

Oh, Great Spirit, giver of my life please accept this humble offering of prayer this offering of praise this honest reverence of my love for you.

**14. Oh Great Spirit**

O Great Spirit,

Whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me! I am small and weak, I need Your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

Make my hands respect the things You have made, and my ears sharp to hear Your voice.

Make me wise so that I may understand the things You have taught my people.

Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy; myself.

Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes.

So when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to You without shame.

**15.** **Camper’s Prayer**

God of the mountains and hills, make me tall and strong;

Tall enough and strong enough to right some wrong.

God of the stars, make me steadfast and sure;

God of every lake and stream, flow through my life and make it clean:

Let me do nothing base or mean.

God of the trees and woods, keep me fresh and pure;

God of the rain, wash from my life all dirt and stain;

Pure and strong let me remain.

God of the seed and soil, plant in my heart thy love;

God of the darkness and day, through shadows or light, be my stay.

Guide thou my way.

God of the radiant sun, light thou my life;

God of the glorious dawn, make each day a fresh start.

God of the evening peace and quiet, keep me free from fear and strife.

God of the gay, free birds, sing in my heart.

God of the surging waves and sea, wide horizons give to me;

Help me to see the world as thou wouldst have it be;

God of the lovely rose, make me lovely, too;

God of the morning dew, each day my faith renew.

God of all growing things, keep me growing, too.

 --George Earle Owen

**16.** **Opening Prayer-1**

Dear Father, you are the Alpha and Omega. The beginning and the end. Through You all children will have great hearts and walk in the path of righteousness. Help us to walk in Your ways.

Amen

**17. Opening Prayer 2**

**Leader:**  And God traveled on the wings of the wind. God touches all of creation. God caresses

the pines with the wind.

**All:** Help me, God, to hear Your song and to understand that You are with me, even in the

wilderness. Amen.

**18. Opening Prayer 3**

O Lord, you have given us the great hope that your kingdom shall come on earth,

and your Son has taught us to pray For its coming. Make us ready now to give

thanks for the signs of its dawning, and to pray and work for that perfect day

when your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. We ask this in the name

of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**19. The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy

will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And

forgive us our trespasses, as we Forgive those who trespass against us. And lead

us not into temptation, bur deliver us from evil. for thine is the kingdom, and the

power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

**20. Opening Prayer 4**

Let us start our Scouts Own with a prayer:

Great Spirit, you are everything, and yet above everything.

You are first and always have been.

Through you our children will have strong hearts and they will walk the straight path in a sacred manner

Help me to walk the sacred path of life with my mind and heart continually fixed on you!

Amen.

(A Lakota Prayer)

**21. PRAYER 6**

God, sometimes I hold something small in my hand... a piece of moss or a budding twig, and - peering closely at this tiny world - I feel a sudden wonder. Help me to remember that you made these worlds, and countless others, and...in remembering...come closer to you. O God, we thank Thee today for the world in which you have placed us; for the universe whose vastness is revealed in the blue depths of the sky; whose immensities are lit by shining stars beyond the strength of mind to follow. We thank you for the beauty of our earth, for the sweetness of the flowers, the solemnity of the stars, the sound of streams and swelling seas, for stretching lands and mighty mountains which rest and satisfy the soul, the purity of dawn which calls us to holy dedication, and the peace of the evening which speaks of everlasting rest. Above all, we thank you for the dignity you have bestowed upon every human being as the crown of your Creation. Give us the grace to let the light of your glory shine through us, in our action, words and thoughts.

Amen.

**22. Pastoral Prayer**

Almighty God, creator of us all; grant us the patience to wait and listen to your voice. Help us not to seek the answers in the silence of prayer, but rather let your thoughts, God, travel to us and through us as we dare to ascend your mountain of law, your holy hill of truth.

0 God, how thankful we are that you have come into our lives through the Holy Spirit. You know, Lord, that we're not perfect, that we want to improve. Show us where we can.

We pray today for God's children-all the children of the world. May they find peace and love in their families and schools and learn the love of Jesus Christ for each and every one of them through our lives as we interact with them on a daily basis. We also pray for our young people, who are seeking a cause which is worthy of their life's commitment and a leader who is deserving of their devotion. We know that our youth must deal with a host of options. So, we pray that they may choose Jesus Christ.

We pray you will be with our Scouts as they continue to follow the Scout law and work toward being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

**23.    Thanksgiving for Scout Brotherhood**

O Lord, we give You thanks for the gift of Scouting. We thank You for the wisdom and foresight of our Chief, whose first camp on Brownsea was the forerunner of our Brotherhood. We thank You for the enthusiasm and self-sacrifice of those, his immediate followers, to whom the early guidance of our Movement was entrusted. Above all, 0 Lord, we thank You that You have permitted us, Your servants to take our share in the service of the boyhood of our country; and for all the inspiration and happiness that Scouting has brought into our own lives.

We ask for Your blessing on our Chief, upon the boys whom we are privileged to lead, and upon the Brotherhood of Scouts throughout the world.

May we go forward re-dedicated to this, Your service, and in humble gratitude for Your many mercies.

Grant this, 0 Lord, for the sake of Your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Hymns and Songs**

**1. Hymn: Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;

he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures,

Through many dangers, toils, and snares; I have already come:

'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

**2.** **Hymn: America the beautiful**

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties

 above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood

 from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife. who more than self their country loved,

and mercy more than life!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self control,

 thy liberty in law

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years; thine alabaster cities gleam,

 undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood

 from sea to shining sea.

**3.**  **Church in the Wildwood**

There's a church in the valley by the Wildwood. No lovelier place in the dale,

No spot is so dear to my childhood, As the Little Brown Church in the vale.

CHORUS:

0, come, come, come, come,

Come to the Church in the Wildwood,

0, Come to the church in the dale.

No spot is so dear to my childhood,

As the Little Brown Church in the vale.

How sweet on a bright Sabbath morning, To listen to the clear ringing bells;

It's tones so sweetly are calling, 0, come to the church in the vale.

**4. HYMN: FAITH OF OUR FATHERS**

Faith of our fathers, living still

In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword!

Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy

When'ere we hear that glorious word!

Faith of our fathers, holy faith,

We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will love

Both friend and foe in all our strife;

And preach thee, too, as love knows how,

By kindly words and virtuous life:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith,

We will be true to thee till death!

**5. For The Beauty of the Earth**

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies,

Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.

Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love: brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends of earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild.

Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

**6. God Bless America**

God Bless America Land that l love

Stand beside her and guide her

through the night with a light from above

From the mountains to the prairies

to the oceans white with foam

God bless America, My home sweet home

God bless America, My home sweet home

**7. Hymn of Praise: Holy, Holy, Holy**

 Holy. Holy, Holy!, Lord God Almighty

 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:

 Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,

 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

 Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

 though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,

 only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

 perfect in power, in love, and purity.

 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

 Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,

 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

**8. How Great Thou Art**

**All** Oh Lord my God, When I in awesome

wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands

have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling

thunder, Thy power throughout the universe

displayed.

Then sings my soul. my savior God to Thee

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I

wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the

trees. When I look down from lofty mountain

grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle

breeze.

Then sings my soul, my savior God to Theet

How great Thou arl! How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

**9. Kum Ba Ya -- The Scout Law Version**

Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah

Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah

Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah

O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout's trustworthy Lord, Kum-ba-yah,

A Scout is loyal, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,

A Scout is helpful, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,

O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout is friendly, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,

A Scout is courteous, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,

A Scout is kind, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,

O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

(continued ...)

A Scout's obedient, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,

A Scout is cheerful, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,

A Scout is thrifty, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,

O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout is brave, Lord, Kum-ba-yah

A Scout is clean, Lord, Kum-ba-yah

A Scout is reverent, Lord, Kum-ba-yah

O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah

Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah

Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah

O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

**10.** **Kum Ba Ya**

Kum ba ya, My Lord, Kum ba ya.

Kum ba ya, My Lord, Kum ba ya.

Kum ba ya, My Lord, Kum ba ya.

Oh Lord, Kum ba ya.

Some one's crying Lord, Kum ba ya.

Some one's laughing Lord, Kum ba ya.

Some one's shouting Lord, Kum ba ya.

Some one's praying Lord, Kum ba ya.

Kum ba ya, My Lord Kum ba ya.

**11.**  **Michael Row the Boat Ashore**

Michael, row the boat ashore, Alleluia,

Michael, row the boat ashore, Alleluia.

Jordan's River is chilly and cold, Alleluia,

Kills the body but not the soul, Alleluia.

Jordan's River is deep and wide, Alleluia,

Meet my mother on the other side, Alleluia.

Gabriel, blow the trumpet horn, Alleluia,

Blow the trumpet loud and long, Alleluia.

Brother, lend a helping hand, Alleluia,

Brother, lend a helping hand, Alleluia.

Michael's boat's a gospel boat, Alleluia,

Michael's boat's a gospel boat, Alleluia.

Michael, row the boat ashore, Alleluia,

Michael, row the boat ashore, Alleluia.

**12. Morning Has Broken**

All Morning has broken like the first morning,

blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning

Praise for the springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,

like the first dew fall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden!

sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning!

Born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise

with elation, praise every morning, God's

recreation of the new day.

**13.  " This is My Father's World"**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,

All nature sings, & round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world. I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,

His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. The birds their carols raise.

The morning light, the lily white, declare the Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world. He shines in all that's fair;

In the trusting grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

**14.** **On Top of Old Smokey (Scout Version)**

On top of Old Smokey, all covered with snow,

I learned a great lesson, all people should know.

I met a Scoutmaster, a helper of youth,

He was roaming God's mountain, in search of the truth.

He told me he'd found it, in the red sunset's glow;

In the voice of the thunder, in the touch of the snow.

His truth was quite simple, as plain as could be,

I'll never forget what, that Leader told me.

Do your duty to God, to the red, white, and blue.

To all others be helpful, to thine own self be true

**15. He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**

He's got the whole world in His hands,

He's got the big, round world in His hands,

He's got the wide world in His hands;

He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the wind and rain in His hands,

He's got the sun and the moon in His hands,

He's got the wind and rain in His hands,

He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the little bitty baby in His hands

He's got the little bitty baby in His hands,

He's got the little bitty baby in His hands;

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got you and me, brother in His hands,

He's got you and me, brother in His hands,

He's got you and me, brother in His hands;

He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the whole wide world in His hands,

He's got the world in His hands;

He's got the whole wide world in His hands,

**Scripture Lessons**

**1. ISAIAH 40:31**

**Leader** : Even those who are young grow weak;

young men can fall exhausted. But those who

trust in the Lord will find their strength

renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles;

they will run and not get weary; they will walk

and not grow weak.

Let us bow our heads in a moment of silence as

we reflect on this camp, on the times when we

had opportunities to try our wings, on the times

when we had chances to help others to do

more, and on the times when we accomplished

more than we thought possible. Let us thank

God for these opportunities.

**2. PSALM 8:3-9**

**Leader** : O God, our God, when I look at your

heavens, the work of Your hands, the moon

and the stars which You created - who are we

that You should be mindful of us, that You

should care for us.

**All :** You have made us little less than the

gods and crowned us with glory and honor.

You have given us rule over the works of Your

hands, putting all things under our feet; all

sheep and oxen, yes and the beasts of the

field; the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea,

and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

God, our God, how glorious is your name over

all the earth!

**3. Psalm 8**

 Psalm 8

 1 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

 You have set your glory above the heavens.

 2 From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise

 because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

 3 When I consider your heaven, the work of your fingers,

 the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

 4 what is man that you are mindful of him,

 the son of man that you care for him?

 5 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

 and crowned him with glory and honor.

 6 You made him ruler over the works of your hands;

 you put everything under his feet:

 7 all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field,

 8 the birds of the air, and fish of the sea,

 all that swim the paths of the seas.

 9 O Lord, our Lord,

 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**4. A Psalm For Thanks Offering**

**From the Book of Psalms, Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!

Know that the Lord is GOD!

It is He that made us, and we are His;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

And His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

For the Lord is good;

His steadfast love endures for ever,

And His faithfulness to all generations.

**Responsive Readings**

**1. A Scout Is Reverent Responsive Reading**

To Be Read Responsively:

**Leader**: "The Bible is a tree of life to them that hold fast to it."

**All**: Because a Scout is reverent - he strives to be true to God, to study the Bible or Torah, and to live according to its commands.

**Leader**: "Seek the peace of the city and pray unto the Lord for it; for in the peace thereof shall you have peace."

**All**: Because a Scout is reverent - he is loyal to America and its ideals of religious liberty for all.

**Leader**: "All men should be mindful of the well-being of one another."

**All**: Because a Scout is reverent - he is loyal to his people, and is ready to help his fellow men everywhere.

**Leader**: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land."

**All**: Because a Scout is reverent - he is a devoted and loyal son to his parents.

**Leader**: "Oh, how good it is, and how pleasant, for brothers to dwell together in unity."

**All**: Because a Scout is reverent - he strives to be a good Scout, a good person, and a good American at all times

**2.      RESPONSIVE READING: - ``Canticle of the Sun''**

**All**: O most high, almighty, good Lord God, to you belongs praise, glory, honor and all blessing.

**Leader:** Praised be my Lord God with all his creatures, and especially, our brother, the sun, who brings us the day and who brings us the night; fair is he, and shines with a very great splendor; O Lord, he signifies You to us.
**Response:** Praise be my Lord for our sister the moon, and for the stars, which He has set clear and lovely in the heaven.

**Leader:** Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind, and for the air and clouds, calms, and all weather by which you uphold life in all creatures.
**Response:** Praised be my Lord for our sister, water, who is very serviceable to us, and humble and precious... and very clean.

**Leader:** Praised be my Lord for our brother, fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness; he is bright and pleasant and very mighty and strong.
**Response:** Praised be my Lord for our mother, the earth, which sustains us and keeps us, and brings forth grass and diverse fruits and flowers of many colors.

**All:** Praise and bless the Lord, and give thanks to Him and serve Him with great humility.

**3. Scout Law Reading**

**The Scout Law**

**Leader:** The Scout Law is a guiding light to millions of boys and young adults throughout the world today, but the principles of the law have been brought to us from ancient days.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Exodus 20:16)

**Scouts**: A Scout is trustworthy

**Leader:** He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. (Luke 16:10)

**Scouts:** A Scout is loyal.

**Leader:** You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:18)

For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to thy needy and to the poor, in the land. (Deuteronomy 15:1 1)

**Scouts:** A Scout is helpful.

**Leader:** Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12:10)

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (Psalm 133)

**Scouts:** A Scout is friendly

**Leader:** Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29)

**Scouts:** A Scout is courteous.

**Leader:** A righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel. (Proverbs 12:10)

**Scouts:** A Scout is kind.

**Leader:** Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth. (Ephesians 6:1-3)

**Scouts:** A Scout is obedient.

**Leader:** A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. The mind of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly. All the days of the afflicted are evil, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast.(Proverbs 15:13-15)

**Scouts:** A Scout is cheerful.

**Leader:** Go to the ant, 0 sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer or ruler, she prepares her food in summer, and gathers her sustenance in harvest. (Proverbs 6:6-8)

**Scouts:** A Scout is thrifty

**Leader:** Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

**Scouts:** A Scout is brave.

**Leader:** Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of his salvation. (Psalm 24:3-5)

**Scouts:** A Scout is clean.

**Leader:** And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. (Mark 12:30)

**Scouts**: A Scout is reverent, he is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

**4. On My Honor**

**On My Honor**

**Leader:** All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (Psalm 25:10)

**Scouts:** On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

**Leader:** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord the people whom he has chosen as his hesitance. (Psalm 33:12)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you. (Proverbs 3:1-2)

**Scouts:** On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout Law-and the Law is this: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

**Leader:** And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

**Scouts:** On my honor I will do my best to help other people at other times.

**Leader:** Remember also the Golden Text: And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:31)

Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. (I Corinthians 3:16-17)

**Scouts:** On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself mentally awake.

**Leader:** Wisdom is the principal thing: Do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Get wisdom; get insight. (Proverbs 4:5)

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word. (Psalm 119:9)

**Scouts:** On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself morally straight.

**Leader:** Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:7)

**5. Hear Our Prayer**

**Hear Our Prayer**

**Leader:** Let us pray for Scouts, for Scouters, and for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**Scouts:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Because we have failed in the trust others placed in us, we pray for forgiveness and for renewal to be trustworthy Lord, in your mercy,

**Scouts**: Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For strength to be loyal to our calling in baptism as his disciples in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**Scouts:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For forgiveness when we saw the need to help and passed that need by, when we failed to ask if we could be helpful to a friend or a stranger. Lord, in your mercy,

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**Leader:** For the spirit to be friendly to all people and even to those who are unfriendly to us. Lord, in your mercy,

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**Leader:** For the gift of courtesy to all people but especially to the elderly, the disabled, and little children. Lord in your mercy,

**Scouts:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For a heart that rejoices in being kind to people, to animals, and to earth on which we live. Lord, in your mercy,

**Scouts:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the will to discipline ourselves to be obedient to the will of our God, and not to our selfish desires. Lord, in your mercy.

**Scouts:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For a cheerful spirit to see us through disappointing events in our lives, for a faith that believes God will bring some good even from events that cause us pain and sadness. Lord, in your mercy,

**Scouts:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For an appreciation that all that we have is the gift of our gracious God, for a mind and a heart that will be thrifty in managing the resources God has entrusted to our care. Lord, in your mercy,

**Scouts**: Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the courage not to be afraid of doing what is right and to be brave in working for justice. Lord, in your mercy,

**Scouts:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the will to work to keep . Lord, in your mercy,

**Scouts:** Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the gift of reverence for God who values all that he has created; for reverence for people, for animal life, for them earth and all its resources-all precious in God's sight. Lord, in your mercy,

**Scouts**: Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Into your hands, 0 Lord, we commend all the people and all the needs we bring before you in our prayers, trusting in your mercy, through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Scouts:** Amen. clean our minds, our hearts, and our land

**6.      The Boy Scout Promise: A Responsive Reading**

Leader: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart. (Deuteronomy 6:5)

**Scouts: I promise to do my best to do my duty to God.**

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. (Psalms 33:12)

**Scouts: I promise to do my best to do my duty to my country.**

Leader: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Romans 13:9)

**Scouts: I promise to do my best to help other people.**

Leader: My son, forget not My law; but let thine heart keep My commandments. (Proverbs 3:1)

**Scouts: I promise to do my best to obey the Scout Law.**

Leader: Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people; and walk in all the ways that I command you. (Jeremiah 7:23)

**Scouts: I promise to do my best to keep myself physically strong.**

Leader: A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength. (Proverbs 24:5)

**Scouts: I promise to do my best to keep myself mentally awake.**

Leader: Thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 6:18)

**Scouts: I promise to do my best to keep myself morally straight.**

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your path. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

**7**. **Scout Law Responsive Reading-2**

Scout: A Scout is Trustworthy.

Leader: Character is what a man is. Reputation is what people think about him. A youth of

 character is worthy of trust. No one is worthy of trust who does not recognize his dignity

 and the dignity of all men as children of God.

Scout: A Scout is Loyal.

Leader: Because our first loyalty is to God, a Scout is loyal to all who loyalty is due, his parents,

 his place of worship, and his country.

 Scout: A Scout is Helpful

 Leader: We are told that the good turn we do for others will be considered what is done for all.

 Our motive or reason we are helpful, is that we see our God in everyone. The ~

 Scout program gives us an opportunity to be helpful.

 Scout: A Scout is Friendly.

 Leader: We are brothers and sisters. Recognizing this, a Scout should be a friend to all, and a

 brother to every other Scout.

 Scout: A Scout is Courteous.

 Leader: A Scout should respect everyone. The meaning of love as a Scout should be taken from

 the words, "I have come not to be served, but to serve".

 Scout: A Scout is Kind.

 Leader: We respect others, not abusing or mistreating, but to trust

 Scout: A Scout is Obedient.

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 Leader: A Scout should obey, not because he has to, but because the one giving it has the right to

 do so, is someone in authority, and is right in doing so. Victory comes from obedience,

 and to all in authority as long as they deserve our obedience.

 Scout: A Scout is Cheerful.

Leader: A Scout will have joy in his heart and manifest it outwardly by his cheerful manner.

Scout: A Scout is Thrifty.

Leader: By being thrifty, we are taught self-respect, making us unwilling to be a burden to others

 Far from being a burden, we are able to be thrifty to help them. A Scout is deeply

 concerned with preserving our natural resources.

Scout: A Scout is Brave.

Leader: A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has courage to stand for what he thinks

 is right, even if others scorn him.

Scout: A Scout is Clean.

Leader: He keeps clean in body and thought; he stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean

 habits, and travels with a clean crowd.

Scout: A Scout is Reverent.

Leader: He is reverent to God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of

 others in matters of custom and religion.

**8. A Responsive Prayer For Scouters**

Leader: Let us pray for Scouts, for Scouters, and for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

Scouts: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Because we have failed in the trust others placed in us, we pray for forgiveness and for

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Leader: For strength to be loyal to our calling in baptism as his disciples in the world.

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Leader: For forgiveness when we saw the need to help and passed that need

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Leader: For the spirit to be friendly to all people and even to those who are

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 disabled, and little children. Lord, in your mercy,

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 resources God has entrusted to our care. Lord, in your mercy,

Scouts: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the courage not to be afraid of doing what is right and to be brave

 in working for justice. Lord, in your mercy,

Scouts: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the will to work to keep clean our minds, our hearts, and our

 land. Lord, in your mercy,

Scouts: Hear our prayer.

**9. The Scout Law Responsive Reading-3**

( To Be Read Responsively)

Leader: A Scout is trustworthy.

Scouts: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Leader: A Scout is loyal.

Scouts: A friend is a loving companion at all times, and a brother is born to share troubles.

Leader: A Scout is helpful.

Scouts: Everyone helps his neighbor...You shall open wide your hand to your brother and to the needy.

Leader: A Scout is friendly.

Scouts: A friend can be closer than a brother...There is no greater love than that a man lay

 down his life for his friend.

Leader: A Scout is courteous.

Scouts: You should live together like brothers, generous and kind at all times.

Leader: A Scout is kind.

Scouts: See that your faith carries with it real goodness of life, which must be accompanied

 by kindness.

Leader: A Scout is obedient.

Scouts: You should always be careful to do as the Lord God has commanded you...Follow the

 laws of your faith, the laws of your community, and the laws of righteousness.

Leader: A Scout is cheerful.

Scouts: A glad heart makes a cheerful face; a cheerful heart has a continual feast.

Leader: Scout is thrifty.

Scouts: Go to the ant, and watch her ways. In summer she prepares her store of food,

 and lays in supplies at harvest.

Leader: A Scout is brave.

Scouts: Be brave, for the Lord goes with you; He will not fail you nor forsake you.

Leader: A Scout is clean.

Scouts: Who will ascend to the mountain of the Lord, and stand in His holy place? He who

 has clean hands and a pure heart.

Leader: A scout is reverent.

Scouts: The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be hushed in His presence.

**Messages**

**1. A Thought for Scout Sunday**

From Baden-Powell, Scouting for Boys

The old knights were very religious. They were always careful to attend religious services, especially before going into battle or undertaking any serious difficulty. They considered it the right thing always to be prepared for death. Besides worshipping God in church, the knights always recognized His work in the things which He made, such as animals, plants, and all scenery.

And so it is with peace scouts today. Wherever they go they love the woodlands, the mountains, and the prairies, and they like to watch and know about the animals that inhabit them, and the wonders of the flowers and plants.

No man is much good unless he believes in God and obeys His laws. So every Scout should have religion.

Religion seems a very simple thing: First: Love and serve God. Second: Love and serve your neighbor.

In doing your duty to God always be grateful to Him. Whenever you enjoy a pleasure or a good game, or succeed in doing a good thing, thank Him for it, if only with a word or two, just as you say grace at a meal. And it is a good thing to bless other people. For instance, if you see a train starting off, just pray for God's blessing on all that are in the train.

In doing your duty towards man, be helpful and generous, and always be grateful for any kindness done to you, and be careful to show that you are grateful. Remember again that a present given to you is not yours until you have thanked the giver for it.

While you are living your life on earth, try to do something good which may remain after you.

One writer says: "I often think that when the sun goes down the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven, but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size; some are big, some are little, and some men have done great deeds and others have done small deeds, but they have made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven."

Try to make your hole in the blanket by good work while you are on earth.

It is something to be good, but it is far better to do good.

**2.      Big Thunder (Bedagi), late 19th century Algonquin**

"The Great Spirit is in all things, is in the air we breathe. The Great Spirit is our Father, but the Earth is our Mother. She nourishes us; that which we put into the ground, She returns to us...."

Give us hearts to understand;

Never to take from creation's beauty more than we give; never to destroy wantonly for the furtherance of greed;

Never to deny to give our hands for the building of earth's beauty; never to take from her what we cannot use.

Give us hearts to understand

That to destroy earth's music is to create confusion; that to wreck her appearance is to blind us to beauty;

That to callously pollute her fragrance is to make a house of stench; that as we care for her she will care for us.

We have forgotten who we are.

We have sought only our own security.

We have exploited simply for our own ends.

We have distorted our knowledge.

We have abused our power.

Great Spirit, whose dry lands thirst, Help us to find the way to refresh your lands.

Great Spirit, whose waters are choked with debris and pollution, help us to find the way to cleanse your waters.

Great Spirit, whose beautiful earth grows ugly with misuse, help us to find the way to restore beauty to your handiwork.

Great Spirit, whose creatures are being destroyed, help us to find a way to replenish them.

Great Spirit, whose gifts to us are being lost in selfishness and corruption, help us to find the way to restore our humanity.

Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the wind, whose breath gives life to the world, hear me;

I need your strength and wisdom. May I walk in Beauty.

**3.**  **Bird's Morning Song**

Today 1 woke up hearing the sound of a bird's song as light was coming through my tent.

Curious, I went out to see the bird, however, I found not one bird but many small and beautiful birds perching in a nearby tree and twittering. My heart filled with Joy and praise for God as I listened to their

singing. My wife and I like to see birds in the morning and evening and delight in hearing the song of cuckoos from nearby gardens. Sometimes we feel the birds bring a message from God. David, who composed many psalms, was probably inspired by nature, including the songs of the birds. I think we, too, can learn some good lessons from these small creatures. Birds never seem to worry about their food or shelter, unlike us human beings who strive for provisions, refuge, clothes, education, health care, and so many other things in life. But in Matthew 6:26, Jesus assures us of God's love, He tells us, "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

**PRAYER**: Our loving and gracious Father, we thank you for the beauties and bounties in nature. Help us to observe your wonderful creation and glorify you with Joy. Make us mindful of your love, and give us wisdom to be content in all circumstances. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**4.** **Drama**

**I didn't call you, I'm Praying! Worship Skit**

Instructions: The second person should be heard but not seen.

1. "Our Father who art in Heaven...

2. Yes.

1. Don't interrupt me. I'm praying.

2. But you called me.

1. Called you? I didn't call you. I'm praying. "Our Father who art in Heaven..."

2. There, you did it again.

1. Did what?

2. Called me. You said: "Our Father who art in Heaven." Here I am, what's on your mind?

1. But I didn't mean anything by it. I was, you know, just saying my prayers for the day. I always say the Lord's Prayer. It makes me feel good; kind of like getting a duty done.

2. all right, go on.

1. "Hallowed by Thy name...

2 Hold it. What did you mean by that?

1. By what?

2. By "hallowed be Thy name?"

1. It means... It means... Good grief, I don't know what it means. How should I know? It's just part of the prayer. By the way, what does it mean?

2. It means honored, holy, wonderful.

1. Hey, that makes sense. I never thought what hallowed meant before. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

2. Do you really mean that?

1. Sure, why not?

2. What are you doing about it?

1. Doing? Nothing, I guess. I just think it would be kind of neat if you got control of everything down here like you have up there.

2. Do I have control of you?

1. Well, I go to church.

2. That isn't what I asked you. What about your attitudes? Do you really believe you are a person filled with my love? Do you treat others with respect?

1. Stop picking on me! I'm just as good as some of the rest of those phonies at church.

2. Excuse me. I thought you were praying for my will to be done. If that is to happen, it will have to start with the ones who are praying for it. Like you, for example.

1. Oh all right. I guess I do have some hang-ups. Now that you mention it, I could probably name some.

2. So could I.

1. I haven't thought about it very much until now. But I really would like to cut out some of those things. I would like to, you know, be really free.

2. Good. Now we're getting somewhere. Well we'll work together, you and I. Some victories can truly be won. I'm proud of you.

1. Look, Lord, I need to finish up here. This is taking a lot longer than it usually does. "Give us this day our daily bread."

2. You need to cut out some of the bread. You're overweight as it is.

1. Hey, wait a minute! What is this? Here I was doing my religious duty, and all of sudden You break in and remind me of all my hang-ups.

2. Praying is a dangerous thing. You could wind up changed, you know. That's what I'm trying to get across to you. You called me, and here I am. It's too late to stop now. Keep praying, I'm interested in the next part of your prayer... (pause) ... well, go on.

1. I'm scared to.

2. Scared? Of what?

1. I know what you'll say.

2. Try me and see.

1. "Forgive us our trespasses [debts) as we forgive those who trespass against us [our debtors]."

2. What about Linda?

1. See? I knew it! I knew you would bring her up. Why, Lord, she told lies about me, cheated me out of some money. She never paid back that debt she owes me. I've sworn to get even with her.

2. But what about your prayer?

1. I didn't mean it.

2. Well, at least you're honest. But it's not much fun carrying that load of bitterness around inside, is it?

1. No. But I'll feel better soon as I get even. Boy, have I got some plans for old Linda. She'll wish she never did me any harm.

2. You won't feel any better. You'll feel worse. Revenge isn't sweet. Think of how unhappy you are already. But I can change all that.

1. You can? How?

2. Forgive Linda as I have forgiven you. You may lose the money, but you will have settled your heart.

1. Oh, You're right. You always are. And more than I want revenge on Linda, I want to be right with You (pause) ... (sigh) All right, all right. I forgive her. Please help her to find the right road in life. She's bound to be awfully miserable now that I think about it. Anybody who goes around doing the things that she does to others has to be out of it. Some way, somehow, show her the right way. And Lord, help me to forget it too.

2. There now! Wonderful! How do you feel?

1. Hmmm, well not bad. Not bad at all. In fact, I feel pretty great!

2. You're not through with your prayer. Go on.

1. Oh, all right. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"

2. Good! Good! I'll do that. Just don't put yourself in a place where you can be tempted.

1. What do you mean by that?

2. Quit hanging around with that one group which is always getting into trouble. Change some of your friendships. Some of your so-called friends are beginning to get to you. They'll have you completely involved in wrong things before long. Don't be fooled. They advertise they're having fun, but for you it would be ruin. Don't use me for an escape hatch.

1. I don't understand.

2. Sure you do. You've done it a lot of times. You get in bad situations, you get into trouble and then you come running to Me "Lord, help me out of this mess."

1. I'm sorry Lord. I really am. Up until now I thought that if I just prayed the Lord's Prayer every day, then I could do what I liked. I didn't expect anything to happen like ..... that you really listen.

2. Go ahead and finish your prayer.

1. "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever."

2. Do you know what would bring me glory? What would really make me happy?

1. No, but I'd like to know. I want to please You. I can see what a mess I've made of my life and I can see how neat it would be to really be one of Your followers.

2. You just answered the question.

1. I did?

2. Yes. The thing that would bring Me glory is to have people like you truly love Me. And I see that happening between us. There's no telling what we can do together.

1 Lord, let's see what we can make of me, O.K.?

2.    Yes, let's see.

**5.**  **John Wayne: What the Scout Law Means to me**

 A great American, John Wayne, passed away many years ago. One of his last public appearances was at a dinner. He was riddled with cancer and knew he was close to death. The purpose of the dinner was to benefit a land purchase for a Scout Reservation called John Wayne Outpost Camp.

 At this dinner Wayne recited the Scout Law. Then he did something unusual, he said the twelve points of the Scout Law are "nice words". "Trouble is", he continued, "we learn them so young we sometimes don't get all the understanding that goes with them. I take care of that in my family. As each boy reaches Scout age, I make sure he learns the Scout Law. Then I break it down for him, with a few things 1 have picked up in more than half a century since 1 learned it.

 Then Wayne proceeded to explain the importance of the Scout Law, breaking it down for the guests at the dinner, much like he would have for his grandson:

 **TRUSTWORTHY** - The badge of honesty-. Having it lets you look any man in the eye. Lacking it he won't look back. Keep this one at the top of your list.

 **LOYAL** - The very word is life itself, for without loyalty, we have no love of person or country.

 **HELPFUL** - Part sharing, part caring. By helping each other, we help ourselves, not to mention mankind. Be always full of help - the dying mans last words.

 **FRIENDLY** - Brotherhood is part of that word. You can take it in a lot of directions - and do - but make sure and start with brotherhood.

 **COURTEOUS** - Allow each person his human dignity which means a lot more than saying "yes ma'am" and "thank you sir". It reflects an attitude that later in life you wish you had honored more...earlier in life. Save yourself that problem. Do it now.

 **KIND** - This one word would stop wars and erase hatreds. But it's like your bicycle. It's just no good unless you get out and use it.

 **OBEDIENT** - Starts at home. Practice it in your family, Enlarge it in your friends. Share it with humanity.

 **CHEERFUL** - Anyone can put on a happy face when the going is good. The secret is to wear it as a mask for your problems. It might surprise you how many others do the same thing.

**THRIFTY** - Means a lot more than putting pennies away, and is the opposite of cheap. Common sense covers it just about as well as anything.

**BRAVE** - You don't have to fight to be brave. Millions of good fine decent folks show more bravery than heavy weight champs just by getting out of bed every morning, going out to do a good days work and living the best life they know how against the law of odds. Keep the word handy every day of your life.

**CLEAN** - Soap and water help a lot on the outside. But it is the inside that counts and don't you ever forget it.

**REVERENT** - Believe in anything that you want to believe in but keep God at the top of it. With Him, life can be a beautiful experience. Without Him, you are just biding time.

John Wayne then thanked those at the dinner for putting his name on the outpost camp and said: "I would rather see it here than on all the theater marquees the world over."

**6.      Just for today**

Just for today, I WILL TRY TO LIVE THROUGH THIS DAY ONLY, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do some things for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt I had to keep them up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I WILL BE HAPPY. This assumes what Abraham Lincoln said is true that "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." Happiness is from within and is not a matter of externals.

Just for today, I WILL ADJUST MYSELF TO WHAT IS, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

Just for today, I WILL STRENGTHEN MY MIND. I will learn something useful and will study something that challenges my mental ability. I will not be a mental loafer all day. I will read something that requires thought and concentration.

Just for today, I WILL EXERCISE MY SOUL IN AT LEAST THREE WAYS: namely, I will do somebody a good turn and not brag about it; in fact, I will seek to keep myself from view. I will do what William James once suggested: do at least two things that I do not want to do just for exercise. And then, I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt, if in the course of the day somebody hurts them.

Just for today, I WILL BE AGREEABLE. I will look as well as I can, dress as becomingly as possible, talk low, act courteously, not withholding a word of praise, will not criticize one bit, not find fault with anything, and not try to regulate or improve anyone.

Just for today, I WILL HAVE A PROGRAM. I will write down just what I expect to do each hour of the day. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it and if I can follow it somewhat, it will save me from two modern sins - hurry and indecision.

Just for today, I WILL HAVE A QUIET HALF-HOUR, sometime, and will review my day and I will think of God, so as to get a little more perspective to my life.

Just for today, I WILL BE UNAFRAID, I will keep the door shut to fear. Especially will I be unafraid to be happy, to enjoy the beautiful, to love and to believe that those I love, love me.

**7.** **Kindergarten Message**

**"WE LEARNED IT ALL IN KINDERGARTEN"** (BE SEATED)

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox. These are the things I learned:

Share everything.

Play fair.

Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some, and draw and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap in the afternoon.

When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together.

Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up, and nobody really knows why, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup - they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you ever learned, the biggest word of all:

LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The golden rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living. Think of what a better life it would be if we all had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations always to put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

**8.**  **Quiet Truth**

 Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him.

 --Psalm 37:7 (NRSV)

 WE live in such a noisy world! Radios blare, telephones ring, sirens scream, horns blast, alarms shriek,

 busses roar, machinery clatters, and strident voices shout to he heard above the racket. Even people who

 camp or hike take radios with them and obliterate the quiet sounds of nature. No wonder we have difficulty hearing the "still, small voice" of God (1 Kings 19:12,)!

 Occasionally, we need to take refuge in the quiet places and receive the truths they have to teach us. The

most beautiful flower in the garden never makes a sound. Wisdom can be found in the hush of a library as

we read good books. Love silently caresses the sore places of our hearts. Quiet things such as these equip

us to cope with the clamor we encounter each day. God comes to us in the silent wonders of the natural

world, in ideas that come to mind through study and meditation, in the soft voices of friends and family

whose: concern lifts our stricken spirits and offers rest for tired hearts.

 Even in the rush of a noisy, mechanized society we will hear God's voice if we take time to listen.

**PRAYER**: God, in this quiet moment, speak to us a word that

 will guide us through the day. Amen.

**9. Scouts Own**

Take time to think,

it is the source of power.

Take time to read,

it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to play,

it is the secret of staying young.

Take time to be quiet,

it is the opportunity to seek God.

Take time to be aware,

it is the opportunity to help others.

Take time to love and be loved,

it is God's greatest gift.

Take time to laugh,

it is the music of the soul.

Take time to be friendly,

it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream,

it is of what the future is made.

Take time to pray,

it is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to reflect,

on this is wisdom built.

Take time to give of your time,

it is the greatest gift of all.

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**10. Success - Living It**

**Scripture Reference:** [**James 2:18-26**](http://www.gospelcom.net/bible?version=NIV&maxmatches=10&passage=James+2:18-26)

My children have all kinds of trophies and certificates of achievements from scouting, sports, and school. Each has its own story of hard work and a belief that it was doable behind. They are proud to show off these mementos and tell about each to all who will listen. For them there is little separation between the trophy and the event. They have become one. In a similar way our faith must be coupled to stories of action, achievements, and works. Faith which is rooted in the God of action, calls forth action on our part. When we have the trust in God and the heart of God we are propelled into action. Consider Mother Teresa, her faith in God moved her to take a vow of poverty and set up a mission to people who were rejected because of ills and disease. Her faith in God overcame, her small stature of 4-foot 11-inches. Her faith in God over came traditions and taboos that would have left many to die alone, without hope, and unloved. Consider Billy Graham. He could have built a sizable empire around his powerful communication skills. His faith is put into action as he stands before thousands sharing openly his trust in the God who gave him his voice and his passion for sharing the Gospel. Our actions speak volumes about our faith. Live your faith, put your God given passions and concerns into works which bless; live it.

**Prayer: *Lord of action you called forth our names and we breathed life. By your breath you caused mountains to rise, oceans to form, fish to team in the waters, plants to grow upon dry land, and all manner of animals to grace the earth. Loving Father, you sent your Son to live with us and die for us. Through Him you have set the example of how to live without favorites; how to accept all people. Guide us this day to live worthy of your gift of life. Amen.***

**11.** **The Deck of Cards**

By T. Texas Tyler

 During the North American campaign a bunch of soldier boys had been on a long hike. They arrived in a little town called Cassino and the next day being Sunday, several boys went to church. After the chaplain read the prayer, the text was taken up. Those of the boys who had prayer books took them out, but one boy had only a deck of cards, so he spread them out. The sergeant who commanded the boys saw the cards and said "Soldier, put away those cards."

 After the service was over the soldier was taken prisoner and brought before the provost marshal. The marshal said "Sergeant why have you brought this man here?" "For playing cards in church, Sir." "And what have you to say for yourself, Son?" "Much, Sir", The soldier replied. The marshal said "I hope so, for if not I shall punish you severely."

 The soldier said "You see, Sir, I have been on the march for six days and I had neither bible nor prayer book, But I hope to satisfy you, Sir, with the purity of my intentions.

 You see, Sir, when I look at the Ace it reminds me there is but one God.

 When I see the Deuce it reminds me that the Bible is divided into two parts, the Old and the New Testaments.

 When I see the Tray, I think of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

 When I see the Four, I think of the four evangelists who preached the gospel. There were Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

 When I see the Five it reminds me of the five Wise Virgins who trimmed their lamps; There were ten of them, five were wise and were saved, five were foolish and were shut out.

 When I see the Six it reminds me that in six days God made this great Heaven and Earth.

 When I see the Seven it reminds me that on the seventh day God rested.

 When I see the eight, I think of the eight righteous persons God saved when he destroyed this earth. There was Noah, his wife, their three sons and their wives.

 And when I see the Nine I think of the lepers our Savior cleansed, and nine of the ten didn't even thank Him.

When I see the Ten I think of the ten commandments God handed to Moses on the table of stone.

When I see the King it reminds me once again there is but one King of Heaven, God Almighty.

When I see the Queen, I think of the blessed Virgin Mary, who is Queen of Heaven.

And the Jack of Knave is the Devil.

When I count the number of spots on a deck of cards I find three hundred and sixty five, the number of days in a year.

There are fifty two cards, the number of weeks in a year.

There are thirteen tricks, the number of weeks in a quarter.

There are four suits, the number of weeks in a month.

There are twelve picture cards, the number of months in a year.

So you see, Sir, my deck of cards has served me as a Bible, Almanac and prayer book.

And, friends, this story is true. I know, because I was that soldier.

 -- Thanks to Bill Wheeler

**12.** **THE EAGLE**

A few years ago, a rancher in a western state found a small orphaned eaglet. He took it home to care for it. At first, he fed the baby bird by hand. Then, once it had grown a bit, he placed it with his chickens where it was quickly adopted. As it grew, the young eagle took on the characteristics of the group of chickens with whom it lived. It would follow the mother hen around and peck at the ground just as any of the young chickens. By the time the eagle was full grown he had become quite a novelty. The rancher took delight in showing all his visitors "the eagle who thought he was a chicken".

When the rancher's brother and nephew visited from a neighboring state, he soon showed them his "special eagle". His brother exclaimed, "That's no eagle! It's a chicken and nothing but a chicken. It thinks it's a chicken. It acts like a chicken. It's a chicken!"

The nephew, a boy of about twelve, saw it differently. "No, it's an eagle" he argued. "It's beautiful. I love eagles." He asked if he could take the bird out each day of his visit and prove that it was truly an eagle. The rancher agreed, stating his opinion that the bird really was more chicken than eagle.

The next morning, the boy was up before sunrise. He took the eagle from the yard and climbed a peak overlooking the ranch. He faced the rising sun holding the eagle in his extended hands. Then repeated several times the following words, "You're no chicken. You're a mighty eagle! Your place is in the heavens, not in pecking the earth. Fly!"

Every day, the boy carried out this sunrise routine. Soon the eagle began to respond. First, it held its head more erect. Then, as the blazing sun caught its eye, it would shift its feet and lean slightly forward. After many days, it unfolded its mighty wings for the first time. Finally, a few days after that, the eagle took flight soaring high above the peak. The boy's heart soared with the mighty bird as he shouted, "You're an Eagle! Your place is in the heavens !"

We, like the eagle in the story, need only to realize our true potential. In every boy there is a man. In every man there is nobility. Man's destiny is also in the heavens. We need only to turn our heads and hearts upward.

**13.** **Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding**

by Larry Kibby

Great Spirit Grandfather, I send these words to you, Hear my prayer. For these are my words. To Father Sun, To Grandmother Moon, To Mother Earth To all my relations, That have been Created as I. To the Four Winds, That bring us the Seasons of Life.

To the East where Father Sun rises Bringing to us a new day A new meaning of life, A light in which to see The path before us.

To the South Where the warm air comes to us Bringing heat and warmth, The seasons of spring And summer. To the West where Father Sun goes To bring to us darkness, So as we may see the universe And search for the questions Of our life.

To the North where the cold winds come from Bringing to us the seasons Of fall and winter.

Oh Great Spirit Hear my words For to you I offer My heart and soul You made me What I am And I am Indian America's Prisoners of War I pray for my people of the past Whose blood covers this our Mother Earth I pray now as an Indian Blood of my Ancestors.

Great Spirit Grandfather, Look down upon Your people, For we are humble Before you. We seek your guidance, So that we your people May walk forever In a proud manner Before you.

Great Spirit Grandfather, You gave your people The breath of life, So that we may live With dignity and pride, To always know And understand That life was meant for us Your most humble Traditional people,

And all that Was Created And given The breath of life.

Great Spirit Grandfather, Let my heart, Soul and mind Be always strong with Wisdom, knowledge And Understanding.

Great Spirit Grandfather Hear my words For wisdom So that I may open My eyes and See all that Is good around me.

Great Spirit Grandfather Hear my words For wisdom So that I may open my ears And hear all that is good Around me. For I am humble Before you. I seek the strength To continue on this path That I travel on before you In a most Sacred manner.

Great Spirit Grandfather Hear my words For they are words That come from the Heart, soul and mind, And are filled with Wisdom, knowledge and Understanding.

Great Spirit Grandfather My words are for you To know and understand That in a most Sacred manner I honor and respect The life you have put before me, I seek the strength To forever continue Upon this Sacred path.

Great Spirit Grandfather Upon the four winds Are my words for strength For they come from the Heart, soul and mind Words I send to you In a Sacred manner.

Great Spirit Grandfather Let all The wisdom, knowledge and understanding Be my strength To continue on this path That I travel on before you As a Traditional Native American Indian, Now and forever.

**14. Yarn – Leader**

Beneath the surface of the earth lies a strange, magnificent world darker than the darkest moonless night. No rain falls. No seasons change. No storms rage. This underground world is silent as a tomb, yet it is not without life. Birds and bats fly with sure accuracy through twisted mazes of tunnels, while ghostly, eyeless creatures scurry along the walls. The floor is sometimes the home of strange insects and micro-organisms. This is the world of the caver, as beautiful, alien and remote as the glaciers on high mountains. And just as mountaineers are tempted by summits that rise far above familiar ground, cavers are drawn into a subterranean wilderness every bit as exciting as any place warmed by the rays of the sun.

There are thousands of caves in Australia. Some are at the edge of the sea, carved by the erosion of the waves, while others are lava tubes created when the surfaces of rivers of molten rock cooled even as the lava beneath continued to flow. Most caves, however, were formed as rainwater, made slightly acidic by carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and chemicals in the soil over which it ran, seeped into fissures in soluble limestone and gradually, over thousands of years, melted out branching networks of tunnels and rooms.

Some caves are too tiny to enter, while others are many kilometers in length. Within some caves are chambers larger than the biggest sporting arenas, and shafts deeper than the tallest buildings. There are towering pillars, and expanses of colourful stone folded as if they were massive draperies. The forces that build a cave work with infinite patience. A drop of water hanging from the point of a stalactite leaves a trace of mineral residue when it falls, lengthening the stalactite ever so slightly.

Scouting works the same way. Over your years in Scouts, slowly you accumulate knowledge. Much passes you by - some stays, and becomes part of you. Every experience you have in Scouting, good or bad, leaves it's mark on you. There are thousands of Scouts in Australia; some are at the edge of the sea, others are in the centre of the continent, dependent on a radio link for their Scouting. Who has the easier time of it? The city Scout, who has all the resources of the city - but all of the dangers that city life can bring? Or the country kid - who has none of the pressures of the city - but instead an aching loneliness every time they realise that the nearest friend their own age is a day's journey away?

Make your heart big enough for all the Scouts in the world to enter - for they are all your brothers and sisters.

**Closings**

**1. Benediction: The Four Winds Blessing**

O Great Spirit, bless us from the north with the cool winds that calm our passions. Bless us from the east with the winds that bring and renew life. Bless us from the south with the warm wet winds that invite growth. Bless us from the west the winds that lead us through this life to the next. Fill the sky so that we might sense your presence. And bless us from mother earth from which we've come and to whom we shall return.

**2. Closing 1**

O God. give us serenity to accept what cannot be changed, courage to change what should be,

and wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

**3. Closing 2**

**Leader** Let us bow our heads in a moment of

silence while we reflect on our commitment to

the twelfth point of the Scout Law.

(after a few moments ...)

Amen.

(Use the following as appropriate)

**Leader** This service is over; let us leave in

silence.

**4. Closing 3**

 May the Lord bless you and take care of you;

 may the Lord be kind and gracious to you;

 may the Lord look on you with favor

 and give you peace. Amen.

**5.** **Closing Ceremony Thoughts**

May I grow in character and ability as I grow in size.

May I be honest with myself and others in what I do and say.

May I always honor my parents, my elders and my leaders.

May I develop high moral principles and the courage to live by them.

May I strive for health in body, mind and spirit.

May I always respect the rights of others.

May I set a good example so that others may enjoy and profit from my company.

May I give honest effort to my work.

May I learn things that will help me make life better for every living thing in God's beautiful world

**6.      A Closing Prayer-4**

May the blessing of Almighty God rest upon us and upon all our work; may He give us Light to guide us, Courage to support us, and Love to unite us, now and evermore. Amen.

**7. Closing-5**

May the Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace, this day (or night) and for evermore. Amen.

**8.**  **Closing-6**

Dear God, thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be here. Give us the strength to endure, the wisdom to enjoy each moment, and the courage to push ourselves further than we ever have before. Bless our troop and its leaders as we begin our journey through Boy Scouting.

Amen.

**9.**  **Closing Prayer-7**

We thank you, Great Spirit, for the morning sun and evening star; for flowering of trees and flowing of

streams, for life giving rains and cooling breeze, for the earth's patient turning, the changing of the

seasons, the cycle of growth and decay, of life and death. When our eyes behold the beauty and

grandeur of your world, we see the wisdom, power and goodness of its Creator. We awaken, and behold!

It is a great day!

Amen.

**10.     Live Together in Love and Joy and Peace**

O God, who has joined us together in the fellowship of our Troop, teach us to live together in love and joy and peace. Help us to guard our Honor and to live loyal to You, our leaders and all our friends; that, with gallant and high-hearted happiness, we may strive for the setting up of Your Kingdom in the world; through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

 Amen

**11.     Lord We Thank You**

Lord, we thank you for this day.

Help us to do our best every day,

And forgive use when we slip.

Teach us to be kind to other people

and to help them at all times

Bless our parents and teachers and leaders

and all the members of Scouting

Bless us, Lord in your love for us

Help us to be a better Scouts

and let us do our best for you

 Amen

**Graces/Blessings**

**1. Philmont Grace**

For food, for raiment

For life, for opportunity

For friendship and fellowship

We thank thee, O Lord

**2. Johnny Appleseed Grace**

Ooooooooooooooh,

The Lord is good to me

And so I thank the Lord

For giving me the things I need

The sun and the rain and the apple seed.

The Lord is good to me.

And every seed that grows

Will grow into a tree,

And one day soon there'll be apples there,

For everyone in the world to share.

The Lord is good to me.

When I wake up each morning,

I'm happy as can be,

Because I know that with God's care

The apple trees will still be there.

The Lord's been good to me.

**3. Brotherhood Grace**

We thank the Lord for all that's good

For food, for life, for brotherhood

For friends and family, near and far

For fellowship right where we are.

**4. Beneath These Tall Green Trees Grace**

Beneath these tall green trees we stand,

Asking blessings from Thy hand.

Thanks we give to thee above,

For Thy help and strength and love.

**5. Scout Camp Grace**

Morning -

Gracious giver of all good,

Thee we thank for rest and food,

Grant that all we do or say,

In thy service be this day. Amen

Noon -

Father for this noonday meal,

We wish to speak the thanks we feel,

Health and strength we have from thee,

Help us lord to faithful be. Amen

Evening -

Tireless guardian on our way,

Thou has kept us well this day,

While we thank thee we request,

Care continue, pardon rest. Amen

**6. Simple Thanks Grace**

Thank the Lord for the food we eat,

For camping fun and scouts we meet,

For rushing streams and calm cool breeze,

For rolling meadows and tall green trees.

**7. Summit Grace**

For this Time and this Place,

For Your Goodness and Grace,

For each Friend we Embrace,

We Thank Thee, O Lord. Amen.