

A Scout Worship Service

CALL TO WORSHIP Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your glory.

Opening Prayer (Leader)

May the blessed sunlight shine upon you and warm your heart until it glows like a great fire,
so that a stranger may come and warm himself at it, and also a friend. *Amen.*

OPENING SONG

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 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.

A Scout Is Reverent Responsive Reading

To Be Read Responsively

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A scout prayer)

We pray to the Great Scoutmaster, that he will

Make us **trustworthy**, for there are those that trust in us.

Make us **loyal**, for through loyalty we reach our highest goals.

Teach us to be **helpful**, for through helpfulness we forget ourselves.

Make us **friendly**, for there are so many who need friends.

Train us in **courtesy**, for courtesy is the carpet of life's floor.

Make us **kind**, for the fields and the woods are full of your creatures.

Insist on our **obedience**, for success comes only to him who first learns to obey.

Make us **cheerful**, for cheerfulness is the green grass near the pebbles in the road.

Train us in **thrift**, for thrifty habits enable us to be generous to those in need.

May we be **brave**, brave in the darkness and brave in the light, but save us from becoming impostors of bravery.

Help us to be **clean** in thoughts, in speech, and in deed; and may we remember all things that you have made.

Above all, help us to be **reverent**, not only toward you but toward all things that you have made.

We ask your guidance in these things, and that we may never forget the Promise which all scouts have made.

PRAYER OF THANKS L: Let us pray

We thank You, O God, for this day, for 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 awake and, behold! It's a great day!

ALL: AMEN

A lesson (Leader) The Iroquois Prayer

O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to the world, hear me.

I come to you as one of your many children. I am small and weak. I need your strength and your wisdom.

May I walk in beauty. Make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things that you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may know the things you have taught your children, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Make me strong, not to be superior to my brothers.

Make me ever ready to come to you with straight eyes, so that when life fades as the fading sunset, my spirit comes to you without shame.

MEDITATION AND SHARING

Take a few moments now for personal silent reflection about how God works in creation and in your personal life. You may wish to share these reflections with your Troop.

Closing Scout Prayer

God, we thank you for this beautiful weekend. The smiling faces we see and the laughter we hear echoing through the trees fill our hearts with gladness and remind us that, in this fast-paced world of ours, there are times when we all need to pause and refresh ourselves in nature's calm and beauty.

Benediction (Leader)

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind always be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your friends,
And until we meet again,
May god hold you in the palm of His hand.