

MESSAGE

REFLECTION

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 Scouts and Leaders as we continue our journey through Boy Scouting.

RESPONSE: OUR SPIRITUAL COMPASS

For Scouts on a hike or canoe trip, a compass is an important tool. Because it gives you a stable reference point (magnetic north), you can set a course and follow it. As long as your compass is accurate and you don't damage it, it will serve you faithfully. If you trust it.

Our faith or spirituality is something like that. We have a point of reference that does not change, God. And we have a compass, so to speak, in our relationship with God. It's something we have learned and continue to learn about, just as we learn to use a compass properly.

We use our spirituality and faith to get us through this grand journey we call life. If we are prepared to trust the things we have learned about God and creative living, our spirituality can guide us through the joys and temptations of life. We can use it to show us what service we may give and what potential dangers to stay away from. We can use it to guide us in our friendships, in our work, in what we say to people and about people, and in how we treat our natural world.

CLOSING SONG: GOD BLESS AMERICA

**God bless America, Land that I 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!**

CLOSING

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**SCOUTS' WORSHIP
SERVICE**



CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Open my eyes, O God, that I may see Thee everywhere. Grant that my own heart may be in harmony with the beauty and order that is about me, and that I may live as a loving child in my Father's world. Amen.

SONG: AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies	from sea to shining sea!
For amber waves of grain,	O beautiful for patriot dream
For purple mountain majesties	That sees beyond the years
Above the fruited plain	Thine alabaster cities gleam,
America! America!	Undimmed by human tears!
God shed his grace on thee,	America! America!
And crown thy good with	God shed His grace on thee,
brotherhood	And crown thy good with

A SCOUTS PRAYER:

Our Father, make us trustworthy, for there are those who trust us.
Make us loyal, for through loyalty we reach our highest ideals.
Teach us to be helpful, for through helpfulness do we forget our selfishness.
Make us friendly, for there are so many who need a friend.
Train us in courtesy, for courtesy is the carpet on life's floor.
Make us kind, for kindness is the oil in the cogs of life's machinery.
Make us cheerful, for cheerfulness is the green grass among the rocks in the path of life.
Train us in thrift, for thrifty habits brighten our future.
Make us brave; brave in the dark and brave in the light, but save us from becoming fakers of bravery.
Help us to be clean; clean in thoughts, in speech, and in deed. And may we remember that our bodies are Thy holy temples, and that any abuse thereof is to tamper with Thy Great Plans.

**A SCOUTS PRAYER
CONTINUED:**

Above all, O God, help us to be reverent toward all things which Thou hast made for our enjoyment when we are in Thy great out-of-doors, among the trees, along the streams, and on the hillsides.

May we know it was Thee who made the waters to flow, the trees to reach heavenward, the mountains to endure all ages.

In all these things we ask that Thou wilt help us. And may we never forget the Scout Oath to which we all have pledged ourselves, so that through Thy help we may live these points of our Scout Law.

Lord Baden-Powell

A SCOUT'S PRAYER:

Dear Lord, bless my leaders who spend a lot of time and energy to help me grow up well. Guide them in their work; give them patience and wisdom, and reward them in this life and the next.

RESPONSE: INDIAN PRAYER

O Father, Whose voice I hear in the winds and Whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me. I am a man before You, one of Your many children. 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 sunsets. Make my hand respect 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 superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my worst enemy - myself.

Make me always ready to come to You with clean hands and straight eyes. So that when life fades as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame. Amen.