

2007 YLT Thunderbird Scouts' Worship Service



Call to prayer:

Come together, joining hands and hearts,
Let our hands be links of chain which hold our lives together,
not a chain of bondage, but a silver chord of strength,
a ribbon of love and faith and community,
give us slack to sail the wind, yet holding us in mystical embrace,
that we may be alone but never lonely,
that we may be together but never lost in the crowd,
that we may be one without forfeiting uniqueness.

Come together, joining hearts and hands,
and let the spirit of God and the human spirit flow,
in each one and through us all as we gather here,
to share this time and space and
as we walk together on the journey

Opening Song:

ALL:

**Let there be peace
on earth,
and let it begin
with me.
Let there be peace
on earth,
the peace that was
meant to be.**

**With God as our
father
brothers all are
we,
Let me walk with
my brother,
in perfect
harmony.**

**Let peace begin
with me,
let this be the
moment now,
With ev'ry step I
take,
let this be my
solemn vow,**

**To take each
moment and live
each moment
in peace, eternally.
Let there be peace
on Earth,
and let it begin
with me.**

Message:

'We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, then let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; and if it is showing mercy, let him do so cheerfully.'

Offering Prayers:

Give me a grateful
heart, Lord,
For each small
favor granted.

Grant that my ears
remain attuned
To hear the smallest
sigh,

Let me rejoice in
simple things;
I need no wealth to
buy

Give me a grateful
heart, Lord;
Let me be satisfied

As years unfold,
may I behold
Life, still, through
eyes enchanted.

And may I lend a
gentle touch,
To those less sure
than I.

The scent of pine
upon the wind,
A burnished copper
sky,

When days are less
than sunny
And plans lie at low
tide.

Let me find beauty
in all things,
Not be too blind to
see
The goodness of
my fellowman,
That he would find
in me.

Let me remember
lessons learned,
To profit from the
past,
And may I build a
bridge of dreams,
That shall forever
last.

Scarlet roses on the
fence,
Sunrise through the
trees--
Oh, grant that I may
not outgrow
Affinity for these~

Life is a sweet
adventure
That will lead to
who knows where,
So, give me a
grateful heart, Lord,
That I may always
care.

Responsive reading:

Leader-- “The Scout Law” John Wayne said “Nice words. Trouble is, we learn them so young we sometimes don’t get all the understanding that goes with them.”

Scouters: A Scout is Trustworthy —

Leader-- The badge of honesty. Having it lets you look any man straight in the eye. Lacking it, he won’t look back. Keep it at the top of your list.

Scouters: A Scout is Loyal —

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

Scouters: A Scout is Helpful —

Leader-- Part sharing, part caring. By helping each other, we help ourselves, not to mention mankind. Be always full of help — (the dying man’s last word.)

Scouters: A Scout is Friendly —

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

Scouters: A Scout is Courteous —

Leader-- 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’d honored more . . . Earlier in life.” Save yourself that problem. Do it now.

Scouters: A Scout is Kind —

Leader-- This one word would stop wars and erase hatreds. But it’s like a bicycle. It’s just no good unless you get out and use it.

Scouters: A Scout is Obedient —

Leader-- Start at home, practice it on your family, enlarge it to your friends, share it with humanity.

Scouters: A Scout is Cheerful —

Leader-- 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.

Scouters: A Scout is Thrifty —

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

Scouters: A Scout is Brave —

Leader-- You don’t have to fight to be brave. Millions of good, fine, decent folks show more bravery than heavyweight champs just by getting out of bed every morning, going out to do a good day’s work, and living the best life they know how against a lot of odds. Brave. Keep the word handy every day of your life.

Scouters: A Scout is Clean —

Leader-- Soap and water will help a lot on the outside.
But it’s the inside that counts, and don’t you ever forget it.

Scouters: A Scout is Reverent —

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

**All: Creator give us clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts;
teach us to work hard and play fairly.
Forgive us when we are unkind and help us to help others.
Send us strength to do a good turn each day and so live your will.**



Reflection of Duty:

A Scout is Reverent

Take a Lincoln penny out of your pocket and look at it. What do you see on it? Just above Lincoln's head are the words. "In God we trust." Twelve little letters on our humblest of coin.

Not only as individuals, but as a nation, too we are committed to live and work in harmony with God and with His plan. You are reverent as you serve God in your everyday actions and are faithful in your religious obligations as taught by your parents and spiritual leaders.

Scout Oath:

Jimmy Stewart - an Eagle Scout-

"To do my duty." Duty - that implies a moral or legal obligation to follow a certain code of conduct. Duty means playing by the rules, reaching deep into your own conscience for the meaning of these rules and giving just a little beyond and doing just a little bit more than is expected.

"To God and my country." Duty to God - means a lot more than saying a prayer every time you need a favor, A lot more. Duty to God is simply that voluntary gesture you must make and remake a million times in your lifetime as a statement of your recognition that there is someone above this universe who watches over this universe and to whom each of us is a favorite son or daughter. Duty to God is a lifetime "thank-you note" our hearts send out in appreciation for the life that has been loaned to us here on earth.

"The Star Spangled Banner"

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there!

O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



Native American Psalm:

The Great Father above is the Shepherd Chief. I am His, and with Him I want nothing. I follow His signs, and he leads me to where there is good grass for my pony and water that is sweet and safe to drink. It is good, and He gives me peaceful sleep beside my campfire.

Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down, but He lifts it up again and I find a good trail. I will follow His trails, even if they lead between mountains where it is very dark and death is all around me. I will not be afraid, because the Great Spirit guides me and He never sleeps. If the trail is steep, He gives me a staff to help me climb, and to lean on when I must rest.

Even in enemy country, when their scouts are all around, He shows me good hunting, and my arrows do not fail. I eat and it is good. If I ride all day, and must ride some more, I pray to Him and He puts His hand on my head, and the tiredness is all gone. He fills my life like a cup, until it runs over.

What I tell you is true. I do not speak with the crooked tongue. Good hunting will be mine through all the suns and moons of my life and afterwards I will go to live in the Big Teepee of the Great Spirit and I will stay with the Shepherd forever.

Silent meditation:

(Pause for a moment of silent thought)

Benediction:

As we depart this day, may our hearts and minds be guided in God's light;
that we have vision, great dreams that make a difference in the lives of others;
may we be granted the courage to be creative and imaginative;
and the strength to persevere, to believe in our missions, even against unwavering odds;
may we always be thankful for our God given abilities –
the diverse skills that make each of us different as leaders and strong to our tasks;
and at our core, grant us integrity and character that builds hope in others.
Peace and grace to all.
Amen.