

# 2021 Scout Week Inter-Faith Service

*Celebrating  
a Scout's Duty to God.*



Connecticut Yankee Council  
Boy Scouts of America

**Scout Sunday & Scout Sabbath**

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# Call to Worship

## “Today is a New Day”

Today is a new day. It is filled with new opportunities.

Today is a new day. It is full of joy and peace.

Today is a new day. It is also a time of reflection.

It invites all of us to think about where we have been, and what lies ahead of us.

Today is a new day. It compels us to embrace humility, and praise the One who created the visible and the invisible.

## A Scout's Prayer

Leader: Our Father, make us Trustworthy, for there are those who trust us.

Group: **Make us Loyal, for through loyalty we reach our highest ideals.**

Leader: Teach us to be Helpful, for through helpfulness we forget our selfishness.

Group: **Make us Friendly, for there are so many that need a friend.**

Leader: Train us in Courtesy, for courtesy is the carpet on life's floor.

Group: **Make us Kind, for kindness is the oil in life's machinery.**

Leader: Insist upon our Obedience, for victory comes only to the person that obeys.

Group: **Make us Cheerful, for cheerfulness is the green grass among the rocks in life's path.**

Leader: Train us in Thrift, for thrifty habits brighten our future.

Group: **Make us Brave; brave in the dark and brave in the light.**

Leader: Help us to be Clean; clean in thoughts, speech and deed. May we remember that our bodies are Holy Temples and any abuse is to tamper with your plans for us!

Group: **Above all, O God, help us to be reverent! Reverent toward all things that you have made for our enjoyment when we are in your great outdoors; among the trees, along the streams and on the hillsides!**

Leader: May we know it was you who made the waters flow, the trees that reach to the heavens and the mountains that endure to the end of the age.

Group: **In all these things we ask that you will help us. And may we never forget the Scout Oath to which we pledge ourselves, so that through your help my may live the points of the Scout Law.**

Group: **Amen.**



## A Prayer of Thanks

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 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 is a great day! **Amen.**

## On My Honor

Leader: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart

Group: **On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God.**

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Group: **On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to my country.**

Leader: My son, forget not my laws; but let thine heart keep my commandments.

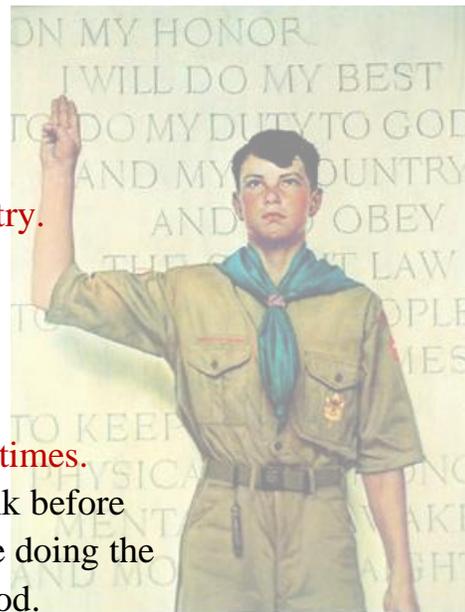
Group: **On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout Law.**

Leader: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

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

Leader: When we do good to all, be patient with the ignorant, think before we speak, do our duty well, and loyally serve God, we are doing the blessings the Lord would like us to do. Let us worship God.

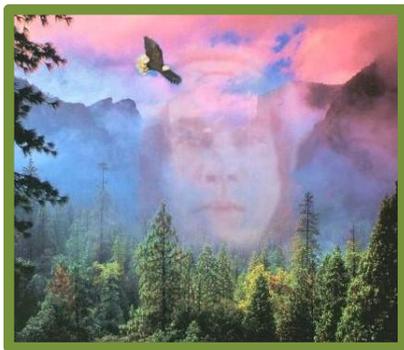
Group: **Amen.**



## “Great Spirit Prayer”

### *Yellow Hawk*

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. 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.



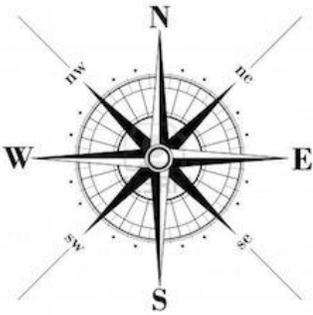
## “Appreciation for Resources”

Dear Father, we thank you for the good gifts of life: for shelter at night, for the food we eat, for the clothing and comforts we enjoy in abundance. We thank you for the richness of the earth and this universe that nourishes us and sustains us, delights us and speaks to us of your love and concern. Help us to be more worthy builders and users of these resources, more grateful participants with you in all that is creative and conserving in our world.

**Amen.**

## The Four Winds Blessing

*Native American 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 with 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.

**Amen.**

## Respect for Our Environment

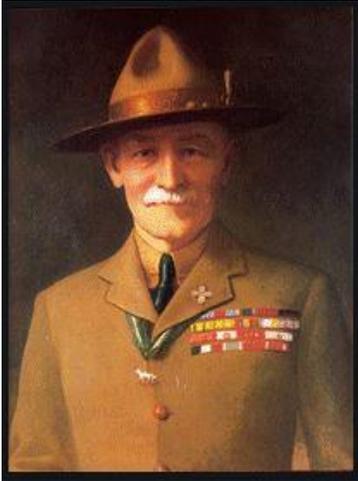
*Bahai Prayer by Baha U Llah*

Blessed is the spot,  
and the house,  
and the place,  
and the city,  
and the heart,  
and the mountain,  
and the refuge,  
and the cave,  
and the valley,  
and the land,  
and the sea,  
and the island,  
and the meadow

where mention of God hath been made, and His praise glorified.

## Think First and Do After

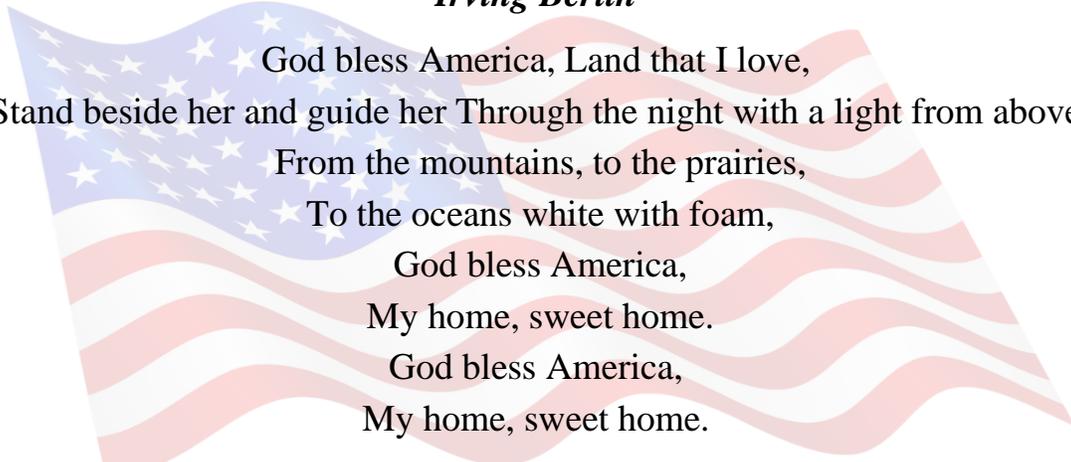
### *A Reflection from Lord Baden-Powell*



You cannot see your thought, but you know it is there, and you see the result of your thought when you grasp the thing. In the same way God is not visible, but all the same He is there, and you see the result when you do a good act. Sometimes you don't do that act, or you may do one that is not suggested by God. You may well feel ashamed when this happens and refuse to let yourself do it again. Therefore, try and think before doing a thing and ask yourself the question: "Does God want me to do this?". If the reply in your mind says "Yes", then do it; and if it says "No", then don't do it. It is not a difficult thing to live a straight and clean life, if you only remember to think first and do after.

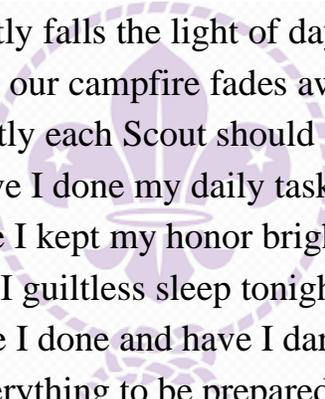
## "God Bless America"

*Irving Berlin*

A stylized, wavy graphic of the American flag, with the stars and stripes in shades of blue, red, and white, serving as a background for the lyrics.

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.

## Scout Vespers

A faint, circular watermark of the Scout emblem is visible in the background of the text.

Softly falls the light of day,  
While our campfire fades away.  
Silently each Scout should ask  
Have I done my daily task?  
Have I kept my honor bright?  
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?  
Have I done and have I dared  
Everything to be prepared?