



# **Worship Handbook for the Outdoors**

## **TROOP 110 Boy Scouts of America**

**Chartered by: Central Presbyterian Church, Fort  
Smith, Arkansas**

## Scout Oath

*On my honor I will do my best*

*To do my duty to god and my country*

*And to obey the scout law;*

*To help other people at all times;*

*To keep myself physically strong;*

*Mentally awake, and morally straight.*



## Scout Law

**A Scout is:**

*Trustworthy*

*Loyal*

*Helpful*

*Friendly*

*Courteous*

*Kind*

*Obedient*

*Cheerful*

*Thrifty*

*Brave*

*Clean*

*Reverent*

## Scout Motto

*Be Prepared!*

## Scout Slogan

*Do a Good Turn Daily!*

## The Outdoor Code

*As an American, I will do my best to:*

*Be clean in my outdoor manners*

*Be careful with fire*

*Be considerate in the outdoors, and*

*Be conservation minded.*

**Leader:** Life is filled with things that we must do whether we like them or not. One of the marks of growing up is our readiness to accept responsibilities willingly.

**People:** **A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT.**

**Leader:** Our moods make our days. If we are grouchy, our day is gloomy. If we are happy, our day is always happier.

**People:** **A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL.**

**Leader:** The world offers many gifts. a wise person uses them with care.

**People:** **A SCOUT IS THRIFTY.**

**Leader:** To each of us comes danger, difficult tasks, and temptations. In choice of courage or cowardice, may we be brave.

**People:** **A SCOUT IS BRAVE.**

**Leader:** Cleanliness is next to Godliness. To have a clean body, a clean mind, and a clean record is a rewarding achievement.

**People:** **A SCOUT IS CLEAN.**

**Leader:** Character is determined by the things we worship. If we respect ourselves and our brothers and sisters, and see them as gifts of the goodness of God, we live on a high plane.

**People:** **A SCOUT IS REVERENT.**

**All:** **GIVE US CLEAN HANDS, CLEAN WORDS, AND CLEAN THOUGHTS, O GOD. 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 AFTER THY WILL.**

**In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. John 16:33**

A Scout is Thrifty

**Precious treasure remains in the house of the wise, but the fool devours it. Proverbs 21:20**

A Scout is Brave

**Be strong and of good courage. 1 Chronicles 28:20**

A Scout is Clean

**Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts. Psalm 24:3**

A Scout is Reverent

**And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8**

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### **The Boy Scout Law III**

**Leader:** A true and worthy person recognizes his obligations and does them without being watched or compelled.

**People:** **A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY.**

**Leader:** We owe much to many - to home, school, community, nation, and to God.

**People:** **A SCOUT IS LOYAL.**

**Leader:** The good Samaritan showed the spirit of doing a Good Turn.

**People:** **A SCOUT IS HELPFUL.**

**Leader:** Courtesy is the mark of all faiths. It is shown in thoughtful acts and kindly respect for everyone.

**People:** **A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS.**

**Leader:** Kindliness is the way people show respect for others.

**People:** **A SCOUT IS KIND.**

## **SONGS**

### **Philmont Prayer**

**Almighty God of hill and plain,  
O'er which we hike in sun and rain,  
On mountain top and valley low,  
Protect us Lord where e'er we go.**

**And from our grateful hearts we'll raise  
Glad hymns of thankfulness and praise.**

*(Tune: U. S. Navy Hymn)*

### **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.**

### **Amazing Grace**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.**

I once was lost, but now I'm found;  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fear relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
'Me hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
We have already come.  
'Twas grace that brought us safe this far,  
And grace will bring us home.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found;  
Was blind, but now I see

## **This is my Father's World**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,  
All nature sings and '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 their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world.  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

## **Scout Vespers**

Softly falls the light of day,  
As our campfire fades away.  
Silently, each Scout should ask,  
"Have I done my daily task?"

"Have I cared and have I tried,  
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?"

Leader: "It has been told to you what is good, and what the Lord requires of you; Only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6: 8

People: **A SCOUT IS REVERENT**

## **The Boy Scout Law II**

A Responsive Reading based on the Twelve Points of the [Boy] Scout Law

A Scout is Trustworthy

**No one who practices deceit shall remain in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue in my presence. Psalm 101:7**

A Scout is Loyal

**It is a loyal thing you do when you render any service to the friends, even though they are strangers to you. 3 John 1:5**

A Scout is Helpful

**In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35**

A Scout is Friendly

**Some friends play at friendship, but a true friend sticks close than one's nearest kin. Proverbs 18:24**

A Scout is Courteous

**Remind them to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show courtesy to everyone. Titus 3:2**

A Scout is Kind

**Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32**

A Scout is Obedient

**So, Jesus went back with them to Nazareth, where he was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. Luke 2:51**

A Scout is Cheerful

## The Boy Scout Law I

Leader: "The person who is dishonest shall not live in My house; the person who is untruthful shall not stand before My eyes." Psalms 101: 7

People: **A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY**

Leader: And Ruth said: "Do not beg me to leave you or to return from following after you, for where you go I will go; and where you stay, I will stay." Ruth 1: 16

People: **A SCOUT IS LOYAL,**

Leader: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" Leviticus 19: 18

People: **A SCOUT IS HELPFUL**

Leader: "Can two walk together unless they agree?"

People: **A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY**

Leader: "Honor your Father and your Mother." Exodus 20: 12

People: **A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS**

Leader: "Withhold not good from the person to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it" Proverbs 3: 27

People: **A SCOUT IS KIND**

Leader: "Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to the words of knowledge." Proverbs 23: 12

People: **A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT**

Leader: "A glad heart is good medicine." Proverbs 17: 22

People: **A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL**

Leader: "Precious treasure remains in a wise person's dwelling, but a foolish person uses it up." Proverbs 20:12

People: **A SCOUT IS THRIFTY**

Leader: "Be strong and of good courage." First Chronicles 28: 20

People: **A SCOUT IS BRAVE**

Leader: "Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? 'Me person who has clean hands and a pure heart. Psalms 24: 3-4

People: **A SCOUT IS CLEAN**

Have I done and have I dared,  
Every thing to be prepared?"

## 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.

## 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.  
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.

## God Bless America

God Bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her, and guide her,  
Through the night with the light from above,  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the ocean, white with foam,  
God bless America, my home sweet home.  
God bless America, my home sweet home.

## Let There Be Peace on Earth

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 every 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.

## For the Beauty of the Earth

For the Beauty of the Earth, For the Beauty 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, 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 ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight  
Lord of all to Thee we raise,  
This our hymn of grateful praise

## Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken, Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken, Like the first bird,

----- A) All S) A Scout L) Leader -----

## The Scout Oath

Leader: Our honor is a quality we possess because of our dignity as human beings and children of GOD. Our 'best' means to give all we have. It means to keep striving to do what we know is right, and in the Oath it means we will try to be good Scouts by fulfilling our Scout duties as expressed in the Scout Law.

Congregation: **ON MY HONOR I WILL DO MY BEST.**

Leader: Our duty to GOD and country means chiefly two things: obedience and loyalty. The duties we owe to the House of GOD, to our country, to parents, to one another, and to ourselves come from some command of GOD. The Scout Law sums up all the qualities a Scout should have and without which he can not be a good Scout.

Congregation: **TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW.**

Leader: Our Lord told us that love of our neighbor was like the first law of love of GOD. The first children of GOD were known by the love they had for one another. Real human charity or love prompts us to want to help others at all times. Our Scout training will give us skills and knowledge that will put us in a better position to do this.

Congregation: **TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES.**

Leader: Scouting offers us many opportunities to grow strong physically. To be alert and ready requires us to give special care to those gifts of soul - intellect and will - that make us unto GOD. 'Morally straight' means we must try to know what is right and true, and to love what is good and choose it.

Congregation: **TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT.**

- S) ***A Scout is courteous.***  
 L) We pray Thee, Lord, for simple courtesy, that being strong we may uphold the weak, and being men, may yet be gentlemen.
- A) **Make us good Scouts, Lord.**
- S) ***A Scout is a friend to animals.***  
 L) We pray Thee, Lord, for all the speechless subjects of God's kingdom, that we may be humble to learn the lessons they can teach us, and eager to befriend them.
- A) **Make us good Scouts, Lord.**
- S) ***A Scout obeys orders of his parents, Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster without question.***  
 L) We pray Thee, Lord, for vigorous free obedience, that being masters of ourselves, we may be willing servants of authority.
- A) **Make us good Scouts, Lord.**
- S) ***A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties.***  
 L) We pray Thee, Lord, for joyful humor, that we may not run before the gale, but beat into the wind with hearts held high, and gay and gallant constancy.
- A) **Make us good Scouts, Lord.**
- S) ***A Scout is thrifty.***  
 L) We pray Thee, Lord, for generous thrift, that we may save the gifts of God and yet be set on giving more than getting.
- A) **Make us good Scouts, Lord.**
- S) ***A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.***  
 L) We pray Thee, Lord, for Thy presence in our hearts, that all befouling things may drop away from us as dead desires.
- A) **Make us good Scouts, Lord.**
- L) Truly our Law is founded as a house upon a rock. It is rooted in the principles of God. Let us then with pride and purpose renew our Scout Promise.
- A) **The Scout Promise. (Make the Scout sigh and repeat) I Promise to do my best, to love and serve God, My Queen, my country and my fellow men, And to live by the Scout Law.**

**Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
 Praise for them springing fresh from the word.**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
 Like the first dewfall 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!**

## **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!**

## **Joshua Fought the Battle of Jerico**

**Chorus:  
 Joshua fought the battle of Jerico, Jerico, Jerico;  
 Joshua fought the battle of Jerico, and the walls came tumbling  
 down.**

1. **You may talk about your kings of Gideon,  
 You may talk about your men of Saul,  
 But there's none like good old Joshua  
 at the battle of Jerico.**  
 (Chorus)

2. Now the Lord commanded Joshua:  
"I command you, and obey you must;  
You just march straight to those city walls  
And the walls will turn to dust.

(Chorus)

3. Straight up to the walls of Jerico  
He marched with spear in hand,  
"Go blow that ram's horn," Joshua cried,  
"For the battle is in my hand."

(Chorus)

4. Then the ram sheep horns began to blow,  
And the trumpets began to sound,  
And Joshua commanded, "Now children, shout!"  
And the walls came tumbling down.

(Chorus)

5. Well I've heard God's voice on the mountaintop  
In the desert & by the sea.  
Crying "Rise up against those city walls  
And you too shall be free."

(Chorus)

### Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus! Ruler of all nature! O Thou of God and man the Son!

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my souls glory, joy and crown!

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring:

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

*Song story: Legend has it that this hymn was sung by children, marching off to the crusades of the twelfth century. Another story is that the*

**Scouts: A Scout is Thrifty.**

Leader: Be strong, be brave, fear not, be not terrified of them, for it is the eternal, your God, who goes with you. He will never fail nor forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

**Scouts: A Scout is Brave.**

Leader: Who shall ascend unto the mountain of the Lord, and who shall stand in His holy place? He that has clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. (Psalms 24:3)

**Scouts A Scout is Clean.**

Leader: And thou shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart 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.**

### The Scout Law Litany

**S) A Scouts Honor is to be trusted.**

L) We pray Thee, Lord, for fearless honest, that knowing neither "but" nor "if" we may be known as trustworthy men.

**A) Make us good Scouts, Lord.**

**S) A Scout is loyal to the Queen, his country, his Scouters, his parents, his employers, and to those under him.**

L) We pray Thee, Lord, for every knightly virtue, that no ignoble quest or untrue thing may dim the splendor of our loyalties.

**A) Make us good Scouts, Lord.**

**S) A Scout's duty is to be useful and helpful to others.**

L) We pray Thee, Lord, for happy diligence, that as apprentices of Him who served mankind, we may master the virtue of helpfulness.

**A) Make us good Scouts, Lord.**

**S) A Scout is a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout.**

L) We pray Thee, Lord, for friendly hearts, that neither class nor creed, nor color, nor accident of birth may blind us to claims of brotherhood.

**A) Make us good Scouts, Lord.**

## The Scout Law: A Responsive Reading

- Leader: The Scout Law is a guiding light to millions of boys and men throughout the world today, but the principles of the law have been brought to us from ancient days. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbors. Exodus 20:13)
- Scouts: A Scout is Trustworthy.**
- Leader: He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least, is also unjust in much. (Luke 16:10)
- Scouts: A Scout is Loyal.**
- Leader: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Leviticus 19:18) Thou shalt surely open thy hand unto thy poor and needy brother in thy land. (Deuteronomy 15:11)
- Scouts: A Scout is Helpful.**
- Leader: Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another. (Romans 12:10) Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity. (Psalms 133:1)
- Scouts: A Scout is Friendly.**
- Leader: Let no bad word pass your lips, but only such speech as is good for edification. As occasion may require, use words that are gracious and a means of grace to those that hear them. Ephesians 4:29)
- Scouts: A Scout is Courteous.**
- Leader: A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast. (Proverbs 12:10)
- Scouts: A Scout is Kind.**
- Leader: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and thy mother, which is the first commandment with promise; that is may be well with thee and thou mayest live only on the earth. Ephesians 6:1-3)
- Scouts: A Scout is Obedient.**
- Leader: A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but a sad heart breaks the spirit. For the hapless, every day is hard, but a cheerful heart is an unending feast. (Proverbs 15:13)
- Scouts: A Scout is Cheerful.**
- Leader: Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise; which, having no chief, overseer or ruler, provides her bread in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest. (Proverbs 6:6)

*lyrics are from a Polish folk song and used by John Hus, an early figure of the reformation. In any case, the melody was written by a German composer, Richard Willis, who also wrote the Christmas Carol "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."*

## 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 whole world --- in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the wind and the rain ...

He's got you and me, brother, ...

He's got you and me, sister, ...

He's got the little bitty baby, ...

He's got Everybody here ...

## One More River to Cross

Old Noah built himself an ark,  
There's one more river to cross,  
And built it all of hickory bark,  
There's one more river to cross.

*Chorus:*  
One more river, And that's the river Jordan;  
One more river – There's one more river to cross.

The animals came two by two,  
There's one more river to cross,  
The elephant and kangaroo,  
There's one more river to cross (repeat chorus).

The animals came three by three,  
there's one more ...  
The baboon and the chimpanzee,  
there's one more... (repeat chorus).

The animals came four by four,  
there's one more ...

Old Noah got mad and hollered for more.  
there's one more ... (repeat chorus).

The animals came five by five,  
there's one more ...  
The bees came swarming from the hive,  
there's one more ... (repeat chorus).

The animals came six by six,  
there's one more ...  
The lion laughed at the monkey's tricks.  
There's one more ... (repeat chorus).

When Noah found he had no sail,  
there's one more ...  
He just ran up his old coat tail,  
there's one more ... (repeat chorus).

Before the voyage did begin,  
there's one more ...  
Old Noah pulled the gangplank in,  
there's one more ... (repeat chorus).

They never know where they were at,  
there's one more ...  
'Til the old ark bumped on Ararat,  
there's one more ... (repeat chorus).

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne Still may we dwell secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, Bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come.  
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, and out eternal home.

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)

## Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd;

Group: **I have everything I need.**

Leader: He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.

Group: **He gives me new strength.**

Leader: he guides me in the right paths, as he has promised.

Group: **Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, LORD, for you are with me.**

Leader: Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.

Group: **You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honored guest and fill my cup to the brim.**

All: **I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live.**

and before you nothing has been.

There is no one to pray to but you.  
The stars of the heavens are yours,  
and yours are the grasses of the earth,  
and the depths of the seas.

You are older than all need,  
older than all pain and prayer.

Great God, fill us with light.  
Give us strength to understand and eyes to see.  
Teach us to walk the soft earth  
as relatives to all that live.

Help us,  
for without you we are nothing. Amen.

## Responsive Readings

### 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.**

*Song story: This song is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, written by Issac Watts, a famous writer of some 600 hymns. As a child, Issac complained about the music in church. His father challenged him to write something of his own, which he did by composing a new hymn each week for the next two years. Some of his other hymns are: "Joy to the World" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."*

### Taps

Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;  
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Fading light dims the sight,  
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright  
From afar, drawing nigh, Falls the night.

### This Land Is Your Land

This land is your land, this land is my land.  
From California, to the New York Island.  
From the redwood forest, to the Gulf Stream waters,  
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking that ribbon of highway,  
I saw above me that endless skyway,  
I saw below me that golden valley,  
This land was made for you and me.

I roamed and rambled, and I followed my footsteps,  
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts,  
All around me a voice was sounding,  
This land was made for you and me.

When the sun came shining, than I was strolling,  
And the wheat fields waving, and the dust clouds rolling,  
A voice was chanting as the fog was lifting,  
This land was made for you and me.

# PRAYERS

## Philmont Grace

For food, for raiment  
For life, for opportunity  
For friendship and fellowship  
We thank thee, O Lord AMEN

## 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, O 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, O Lord, for the sake of Your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

-- Brownsea Island, April 1927, Prayers For Use In The Brotherhood of Scouts, p.32

## A Scout is a Friend to All

Fill us, O 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

-- Prayers For Use In The Brotherhood of Scouts, p.37

## 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

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.

*Written by Chief Yellow Lark, Sioux, 1887*

## A Hiking Prayer

*The Hiking Prayer has been used frequently as a final benediction to close services. Its message is one of the most fitting for Scouts in its view of the outdoors. Note that the author, a Chassidic Rabbi, lived in the 18th and 19th centuries.*

Master of the Universe, grant me the ability to be alone.

May it be my custom to go outdoors each day  
Among the trees and grass, among all living things.

And there may I be alone, and enter into prayer,  
To talk with the one to whom I belong.

May I express there everything in my hear,

And may all the foliage of the fields,

All grasses, trees and plants, may they al awake at my coming,

To send the powers of their life into the words of my prayer

So that my prayer and speech are made whole

Through the life and the spirit of all growing things,

Which are made as one by their transcendent source.

*Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav (1772 – 1811)*

## Dakota Prayer

O Almighty God,  
you have always been,

**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  
strive.**

**God of the carefree 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 would 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 –*

### **Morning Prayer**

God, my Father, thank you for bringing me to the beginning of a new day;  
thank You for the peace and rest of the night that is past.

Each day gives me many opportunities of expressing my love for You;  
all my senses, all my talents come from you; by your power and presence help  
me to use them well today, doing everything for your honor. Preserve me from  
all that is evil, so that all I think and do and say may be pleasing to You.  
Amen.

### **An Indian Prayer**

**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 know the things you have taught my  
people.**

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

-- Prayers For Use In The Brotherhood of Scouts, p.42

### **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.

Prayers For Use In The Brotherhood of Scouts, p.59

### **A Closing Prayer**

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.

Prayers For Use In The Brotherhood of Scouts, p.91

### **Benediction**

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. (Adapted from  
the Aaronic Blessing, Bible, Numbers 6, 24.)

Prayers For Use In The Brotherhood of Scouts, p.93

### **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.

## 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.

## 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.

-- Dorothy Wells Pease

## We Thank Thee

We thank Thee  
For flowers that bloom about our feet;  
For tender grass so fresh and sweet;  
For song of bird and hum of bee;  
For all things fair we hear and see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

## A Scout's 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 clean,

## An Ancient Prayer

[found on the wall of an old Inn in Lancashire, England]

Give us, Lord, a bit o' sun  
a bit o' work and a bit o' fun;  
give us all in th' struggle and splutter  
our daily bread and a bit o' butter.  
Give us health, our keep to make  
an' a bit to spare for poor folks sake;  
give us sense, for we're some of us duffers,  
an' a heart to feel for all that suffers.  
Give us, too, a bit of a song,  
an' a tale, and a book to help us along,  
an' give us our share o' sorrow's lesson  
that we may prove how grief's a blessing.  
Give us, Lord, a chance to be  
our goodly best, brave, wise and free,  
our goodly best for ourselves and others  
till all men learn to live as brothers.  
Amen.

## 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.**

**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.**

again and draws you to the good Menominee road, for He is strength and wisdom."

(part of The Menominee Version of the 23rd Psalm)

### **Black Elk: Holy Man of the Oglala Sioux**

"Grandfather, Great Spirit, once more behold me on earth and lean to hear my feeble voice. You lived first, and you are older than all need, older than all prayer. All things belong to you -- the two-legged, the four-legged, the wings of the air, and all green things that live.

"You have set the powers of the four quarters of the earth to cross each other. You have made me cross the good road and road of difficulties, and where they cross, the place is holy. Day in, day out, forevermore, you are the life of things."

### **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.

We have been as loyal as any  
To our Country and our Queen.  
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.

-- from "Scouting in New South Wales"

### **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.

### **Thanks Be to God**

Thanks to God for things we see,  
The growing flower, the waving tree,  
Our mother's face, the bright blue sky  
Where birds and clouds go floating by;  
Thanks be to God for seeing.

Thanks to God for things we hear,  
For sounds of friends who laugh and cheer,  
The merry bells, the songs of birds,  
For stories, tunes, and kindly words;  
Thanks be to God for hearing.

-- from Hazel Tagg

## **Lord's Prayer**

(Translated from Chinook)

Our father who stayeth in the above  
God in our hearts be Thy name,  
God Thou Chief among all people  
God Thy will upon earth  
As in the above.  
Give us every day our food;  
If we do evil,  
Be not Thou very angry, and if  
Anyone evil towards us  
Not we angry towards them  
Send away far from us all evil.

## **Guide us Through and Out**

Our Father, who art in heaven and who art on earth, even journeying with your people, thank you for being faithful and for never abandoning us. When we are in the wilderness, guide us through and out. When we are lost, please find us. When we cry out, please hear us - in the name of the One who said, "Lo, I am with you always." Amen

-- From "Meditation" by Bruce Miles, Presbyterian Record March 1985

## **Gaelic Prayer**

Be Thou a bright flame before me,  
Be Thou a guiding star above me,  
Be Thou a smooth path below me,  
And be a kindly shepherd behind me,  
Today, tonight and forever.

## **Prayer from the West Indies**

Oh God, who has made the earth so varied and cast the races of man in so many different molds, we who live in these lovely islands of the western sea pray for all your children. Grant that we, with all men everywhere, may enter into the full joyous life of Your Kingdom.

-- From 'Scouting' (U.K.)

## **Black Elk: Earth Prayer & The Sunset**

Black Elk, Holy Man of the Oglala Sioux, 1863-1950

### **Earth Prayer**

"Grandfather, Great Spirit, once more behold me on earth and lean to hear my feeble voice. You lived first, and you are older than all need, older than all prayer. All things belong to you -- the two-legged, the four-legged, the wings of the air, and all green things that live.

"You have set the powers of the four quarters of the earth to cross each other. You have made me cross the good road and road of difficulties, and where they cross, the place is holy. Day in, day out, forevermore, you are the life of things."

Hey! Lean to hear my feeble voice. At the center of the sacred hoop You have said that I should make the tree to bloom.

With tears running, O Great Spirit, my Grandfather, With running eyes I must say The tree has never bloomed

Here I stand, and the tree is withered. Again, I recall the great vision you gave me.

It may be that some little root of the sacred tree still lives. Nourish it then That it may leaf And bloom And fill with singing birds!

Hear me, that the people may once again Find the good road And the shielding tree.

## **The Sunset**

Then I was standing on the highest mountain of them all, and round about beneath me was the whole hoop of the world. And while I stood there I saw more than I can tell and I understood more than I saw; for I was seeing in a sacred manner the shapes of all things in the spirit, and the shape of all shapes as they must live together like one being.

And I say the sacred hoop of my people was one of the many hoops that made one circle, wide as daylight and as starlight, and in the center grew one mighty flowering tree to shelter all the children of one mother and one father. And I saw that it was holy...

But anywhere is the center of the world.

## **Clean Hands**

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.

## **Wae Wae Non Ne Mot**

Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin

"The Creator above is the Great Spirit and the Great Mystery, His gifts are plentiful therefore you want not. He holds out a branch of love and protection and He draws you to where the ground is undisturbed, where the air is pure and the water is clear and clean enough to give life. You walk, you breathe, you feed, for you are pleased. The times when your heart is weak, your circle is out of balance, He lifts you up