

**INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE
OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS**

Call to Worship:

We address you in many ways; but whatever the words our lips form, we are aware of your presence among us.

Song: Come By Here (tune Kum Ba Ya)

**We are gathered Lord, come by here!
In your presence Lord, come by here!
As we worship Lord, come by here!
Oh Lord, come by here.**

We are gathered because we are brothers and sisters to each other and children of the Creator, who has given us life. We come to share our joy in being together at this training, with its opportunities to learn new things, experience new adventures, to meet with old friends and make new friends.

Song:

**Make us humble Lord, come by here!
Make us loyal Lord, come by here!
Make us courteous Lord, come by here!
Oh Lord, come by here.**

We come to give thanks for the greatness and goodness of the gift of life and the precious privilege of living. We come to ask Your blessing upon us, that the spirit of love may guide us through our lives and that we may be helped to live by our Promise we made, and our Scout Laws.

Song:

Amazing Grace

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

**When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Then when we first begun.**

Scout Prayer: Let us pray together:

Now as I start upon my chosen way In all I do - my thought, my work, my play Grant as I promise, courage now for me To be the best - the best that I can be.

Help me to keep my honor shine bright. May I be loyal in the hardest fight. Let me be able, for my task and then To earn a place, among my fellow men.

Open my eyes to see the things I should; That I may do my daily turn of good. Let me be ready, waiting for each need To keep me clean in thought, word and deed.

So as I journey, on my chosen way, In all that I do - my thoughts, my work, my play, Grant as I promise, courage now for me To be the best - the best that I can be.

Inspirational Readings

O God of the mountains and valleys,
I have offered you a bit of your food, your drink,
And now I continue on, beneath your feet and your hands,
I, a traveler.

-- *Kekchi Mayan song*

Our prayer of thanks For the laughter of children who tumble barefooted and bareheaded in the summer grass.
-- *Carl Sanburg*

The wild deer wandering here and there keeps the human soul from care. -- *William Blake*

May the gentleness of spring rains soften the tensions within us, Ant the power of ocean waves steady and strengthen us. -- *Janet Schafran and Pat Kozak*

May the Great Spirit watch over you As long as the grass grows and the water flows --- *Cherokee song*

Night is drawing high For all that has been - Thanks! For all that shall be - Yes! --- *Dag Hammarskjold*

Almighty One, in the woods I am blessed. Happy everyone in the woods. Every tree speaks through thee. O God! What glory in the woodland! -- *Ludwig van Beethoven*

Touch the earth and listen to the rocks for they remember They know and remember all that has come to pass here. - *Lee Henderson*

Every bird song, wind song, and tremendous storm song of the rocks in the heart of the mountains is our song, our very own, and sings our love. ---*John Muir*

When facing a difficult task, act as though it is impossible to fail. If you're going after Moby Dick, take along the tarter sauce.

A Scout is Reverent – Some thoughts

Thought For the Day

An architectural wonder of stability is the Great Wall of China. Designed to protect ancient China from the barbaric hordes to the north, it was too high to climb over, too thick to break down, and too long to go around. Yet during the first hundred years of the wall's existence, China was invaded three times. Was the wall a failure? Not really - for not once did the barbaric hordes climbed over the wall, break it down, or go around it. instead, they simply bribed the gatekeepers. The Chinese placed too much reliance on a wall and not enough on the character of the gatekeeper. Who are you when no one is looking? What is your integrity quotient? A Scout is Trustworthy. Lord, strengthen my resolve to be a man of integrity

Prayer:

Thank you God,
For making us as we are;
For hands to work and feet to walk and run;
For eyes to see and ears to hear;
For minds to think and hearts to love;
For all the people we know and who knows us
And for all those we shall meet as we go through life.
Help us to DO YOUR BEST in everything.
Amen

Song:

**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!**

A BLESSING

May the Great Spirit send his choicest gifts to you;
May the Sun Farther and the Moon Mother shed their softest beams on you;
May the Four Winds of Heaven blow gently upon you and
Upon those with whom you share your heart and home.

Coahuila Indians

Other Prayers and Meditations

Philmont Grace

For food, for raiment,
For life, for opportunity,
For friendship and fellowship,
We thank Thee, O Lord.
Amen.

Sea Base Grace

Bless the creatures of the sea,
Bless the person I call me.
Bless the Keys that are so grand,
Bless the sun that warms this land.
Bless the fellowship we feel
As we gather for this meal.
Amen.

Johnny Appleseed Grace

Oh, the Lord is good to me,
And so I thank the Lord,
For giving me the things I need,
The sun and the rain and the apple seed,
The Lord is Good to me.

A Prayer For Today

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it – or use it for good, but what I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it! When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, and not loss; good, and not evil; success, and not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I have paid for it. *Author unknown*

A Prayer for a Scout Troop

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the interest in the Scouting movement that has brought this group together. We thank you for the success of the Scouting program in the United States since 1910. We are grateful for the influence that Troop _____ has had on the lives of boys since it held its first charter. We pray for continued blessings on this troop, its leaders, its troop committee, and its sponsor through the years ahead. We pray that Troop _____ may continue to turn out leaders for tomorrow, prepared as good citizens. Amen.

Benediction

Dear God, thank You for the wonderful opportunity to be in Scouting. 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 troop and its leaders as we continue our journey through Boy Scouting. Amen.