



SCOUTS OWN SERVICE

Call to Worship

Lord, stay with us as we come together.
Let all the earth keep silence in Your presence.

Opening Song

To the tune Kumbaya

We Are Gathered

We are gathered, Lord, come be here,
In Your presence, Lord, come be here.
As we worship, Lord, come be here,
Oh, Lord, come be here.

Make us humble, Lord, come be here,
Make us loyal, Lord, come be here.
Make us courteous, Lord, come be here,
Oh Lord, come be here.

Prayer

A Boy's Prayer

Give me clean hands, clean words,
and clean thoughts.
Help me to stand for the hard right
against the easy wrong.
Save me from habits that would harm.
Teach me to work as hard and play as fair
in Thy sight alone, as if all the world saw.
Forgive me when I am unkind, and
help me to forgive those who are unkind
to me.
Keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself;
Send me chances to do a little good every day.

— Amen.

— William DeWitt Hyde

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!

Prayer

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 though my life and make it clean;
Let me do nothing base or mean.

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;
Guide Thou my way.

— Amen.

Responsive Reading

The Scout Law

Leader When facing deceit and dishonesty,
All let us be Trustworthy.

Leader If we see hypocrisy and faithlessness,
All let us be Loyal.

Leader Where disregard of others and mere materialism
prevail,
All let us be Helpful.

Leader In an atmosphere of ill manner,
All let us be Courteous.

Leader Where some measure manliness in brutality and
crudeness,
All let us be Kind.

Leader Though lawbreaking and rule-scoffing are
common,
All let us be Obedient.

Leader While others grumble and grouch,
All let us be Cheerful.

Leader In an environment blighted by waste and
extravagance,
All let us be Thrifty.

Leader When confronted with danger and temptation,
All let us be Brave.

Leader As we see filth and pollution everywhere,
All let us be Clean.

Leader While witnessing impiety and irreligion,
All let us be Reverent.

Leader In short, in a world that has for generation after
generation lamented the lack of good examples, let
us, as Scouts, stand out, grow up, and be real
adults.

Meditation

Scout Beatitudes

Blessed are the Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them. . .for their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

Blessed are the Scouts who are led with patience and understanding. . .for they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

Blessed are the Scouts who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communion. . .for they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

Blessed are the Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth. . .for they shall search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

Blessed are the Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God. . .for they will find Him early and will walk with Him through life.

Blessed are the Scouts who are loved and know that they are loved. . .for they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.

Responsive Reading

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.

All 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 God, to our country, to our 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 cannot be a good Scout.

All To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law.

Leader Our Lord told us that love of 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.

All To help other people at all times.

Leader Scouting offers us many opportunities to grow 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.

All To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Closing Song

Vespers

On the tune O Christmas Tree

Quietly we join as one,
Thanking God for Scouting fun,
May we now go on our way,
Thankful for another day.
May we always love and share,
Live in peace beyond compare,
May we seek and may we find,
Friendships true with all mankind.

Benediction

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

— Amen