

OPENING WELCOME

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Morning has broken like the first morning;
black-bird has spoken like the first bird.
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 dew-fall 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 re-creation of the new day!

THE RULE OF THREE

Three things to govern: Temper, tongue and conduct.
Three things to cultivate: Friendship, justice, and learning.
Three things to commit to: Thrift, industry, and promptness.
Three things to give: Help to the needy, comfort to the sad, and appreciation to the worthy.

THREE THINGS COME NOT BACK

Remember three things come not back;
The arrow sent upon its track-
It will not swerve, it will not stay
Its speed; it files to wound, or slay.
The spoken word so soon forgot
By thee; but it has perished not;
In other hearts 'tis living still
And doing work for good or ill.
And the lost opportunity
That cometh back no more to thee,
In vain thou weepst, in vain dost yearn,
Those three will nevermore return.
-From the Arabick

THE KYRIE

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord,

Scouts: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord,

Scouts: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this holy assembly, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord,

Scouts: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: 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;
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.
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 from fear and strife.
God of the gay free 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 wouldst 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

ON THE SCOUTS' OWN

For an open Troop, or for Troops in camp, I think the Scouts' Own should be open to all denominations, and carried on in such manner as to offend none. There should not be any special form, but it should abound in the right spirit, and should be conducted not from any ecclesiastical point of view, but from that of the boy. Everything likely to make an artificial atmosphere should be avoided. We do not want a kind of imposed Church Parade, but a voluntary uplifting of their hearts by the boys in thanksgiving for the joys of life, and a desire on their part to seek inspiration and strength for greater love and service for others.
-Baden Powell, printed in "The Scouter," November 1928

SILENT PRAYER

TRUE SERVANTS

The true servants of the Gracious GOD are the following:
Those who walk upon earth with humility and when they are tempted by the evil ones, they respond: Peace;
Those who pass the hours of the night in prayers and standing before the Lord;
Those who pray: Lord turn away from us the punishments of hell, for it is a heavy torment, it is indeed an evil dwelling place;
Those who are neither extravagant nor stingy in spending, but keep a balance between the two;
Those who repent and believe and do good deeds.
-From the Koran, Al-Furqan, Part 19, Chapter 25

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.

Leader: A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increases 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)

-from THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; and among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

A BAHAI SAYING

May we all remain fast and firm in faith, that the glory of glories may rest upon us. Thou art Gracious, the Bountiful, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE

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 heart,
And may all the foliage of the field

(All grasses, trees and plants)
May they all 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)

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

GOOD NEWS

Everyone has inside himself a piece of good news.
The good news is that you really don't know....
How great you can be,
How much you can love,
What you can accomplish, or what your potential is.
How can you top good news like that?
-Anne Frank, From her diary