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CHRISTIAN, JEWISH AND
MUSLIM WORSHIP**

CHAPLAIN AIDE DUTIES

- Encourage members of your unit to strengthen their own relationships with God through personal prayer, devotions, and participation in activities of their faith group.
- Teach a table prayer to members of your unit and use it for all meals.
- Encourage unit members to attend services at their place of worship or in camp.
- Provide information on the Religious Emblems Program.
- At all times, set the example for the other boys through your conduct.
- Review a copy of the *v* and *Chaplains* found at:
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CHRISTIAN SECTION

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A SHORT ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN (see Hymns Section)

READING Psalm 95:1-7a
(Revised English Version [REV])

Come! Let us raise a joyful song to the Lord,
a shout of triumph to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and sing psalms of triumph to him.

For the Lord is a great God
a great King above all gods.
The depths of the earth are in his hands,
the peaks of the mountains belong to him;
the sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land which his hand fashioned.

Enter in! Let us bow down and worship,
let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God,
we the people he shepherds, the flock in his care.

PRAYER (Spoken by Leader; others may join in if group
prayer is consistent with their faith teachings)

God, our Father, we thank you for the beauty of
the earth, for the food we eat and for the com-
forts we enjoy. Help us to love others more, to be

concerned with the problems of our day, and to understand Your will in our actions. Grant us the strength to live wisely and well, to be worthy users of Your creation and ready and willing workers for the causes of goodness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:22–25 (Today’s English Version [TEV])

“So let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water. Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep His promise. Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.”

MEDITATION / REFLECTION

[NOTE: You may read the meditation for this day from pages I-14 to I-29 or take a few moments for personal silent reflection. Some may choose to share their reflections with the group.]

PRAYERS OF THE ASSEMBLED

[NOTE: You may use the Trail Litany on page C-6, include spontaneous prayer from those assembled, or the Lord’s Prayer. Announce that silent prayer also is appropriate for those whose faith teaches that prayer is a personal communication with God.]

HYMN (see Hymns Section)

BLESSING

May the Lord bless you, protect you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life. Amen.

A TRAIL LITANY

Leader: For silver on the sage, for starlit skies above, for aspen covered hills, for the country that I love,

All: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For wind in whispering pines, for eagles soaring high, for purple mountains rising against an azure sky,

All: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For friends who walk with me along the awesome trail, for those who share their care for me, especially when I fail,

All: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: O Jesus, Who walked the trail with the Emmaus two, join us on our mountain trek the whole day through.

All: O Lord, abide with us.

Leader: As the sun rises over the tall lonesome pine, may your care and love for us in all our actions shine.

All: O Lord, walk with us along the trail.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[NOTE: Announce that this may be spoken or prayed silently according to the practices of one's faith.]

TRADITIONAL

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

MODERN

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP

(LITURGICAL)

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

KYRIE

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father.
Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, help us to remember that Christ our Savior lives with You in glory and that He promised to remain with us until the end of time. We ask You to hear our prayers and grant our needs through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

[NOTE: There are a number of options with respect to the scriptural readings and the litany. Please select the ones that are most beneficial to your attendees.]

The Walk to Emmaus Luke 24: 13-16, 25-34 (TEV)

On that same day, two of Jesus' followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. As they talked and discussed, Jesus Himself drew near and walked along with them; they saw Him, but somehow did not recognize Him.

Then Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said! Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter His glory?" And Jesus explained to them what was said about Himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets. As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther; but they held Him back, saying, "Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark." So he went in to stay with them. He sat down to eat with them, took the bread and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other,

“Wasn’t it like a fire burning in us when He talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?” They got up at once and went back to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven disciples gathered together with the other and said, “The Lord is risen indeed!”

Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3-9 (New Jerusalem Bible [NJB])

How blessed are the poor in spirit:

The kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Blessed are the gentle:

They shall have the earth as inheritance.

Blessed are those who mourn:

They shall be comforted.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for uprightness:

They shall have their fill.

Blessed are the merciful:

They shall have mercy shown towards them.

Blessed are the pure in heart:

They shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:

They shall be recognized as children of God.

Gifts and Service

I Corinthians 12:4-7 (NJB)

There are many gifts; but always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of swerving, but it is always the same Lord. There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same God who is at work in the all. The particular manifestation of the Spirit granted to each one is to be used for the general good.

Priorities
I Corinthians 12:31-13:8a (NJB)

Set your minds on the higher gifts. And now I am going to put before you the best way of all. Though I command languages both human and angelic—if I speak without love I am no more than a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. And though I have the power of prophesy, to penetrate all mysteries and knowledge, and though I have the faith necessary to move mountains—if I am without love, I am nothing. Though I should give away to the poor all I possess, and even give my body to be burned—if I am without love, it will do no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; love is never jealous; love is not boastful or conceited;

it is never rude and never seeks its own advantage, it does not take offense or store up grievance. Love does not rejoice in wrong doing, but it always finds joy in the truth. It is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope and endure what comes.

Love never comes to an end.

Forgiveness
Luke 6:36-38 (NJB)

Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap, because the standard you use will be the standard used for you.

RESPONSORY**(Psalm 100, Revised Standard Version (RSV))**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Lands!

Group One: Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!

Group Two: Know that the Lord is God!
It is He that made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His
pasture.

Group One: Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him, bless His name!

Group Two: **For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all genera-
tions.**

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

MEDITATION

[NOTE: In this quiet moment, please feel free to share thoughts and prayers by breaking the silence.]

HYMN (See Hymns Section)

A TRAIL LITANY

- Leader:** For moonlight on the forests, for starlit skies above; for hills and streams for camping, for the country that I love,
- All:** We thank you, O Lord.
- Leader:** For wind in whispering pines, for eagles soaring high; for purple mountains rising against an azure sky,
- All:** We thank you, O Lord.
- Leader:** For friends who walk with me along the awesome trail; for those who share their care for me, especially when I fail,
- All:** We thank you, O Lord.
- Leader:** O Jesus, Who walked the trail with the Emmaus two, Join us on our trek the whole day through.
- All:** O Lord, abide with us.
- Leader:** As the sun rises over the quiet forest pines, may your care and love for us in all our actions shine.
- All:** O Lord, walk with us along the trail.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.
Amen.

SERVICE OF PRAISE

PRAISE OF THE CREATOR

Psalm 148 (spoken responsively)

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise Him in the heights above.

**Praise Him, sun and moon,
praise Him, all you shining stars.**

Praise Him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

**Let them praise the name of the Lord
for He commanded and they were created.**

He set them in place forever and ever;
He gave a decree that will never pass away.

**Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,**

lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do His bidding,

**you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,**

wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,

**kings of the earth and all nations
you princes and all rules on the earth,**

young men and maidens,
old men and children.

**Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for His name alone is exalted;
His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

He has raised up for His people a horn,
the praise of all His saints,
for all His people who are near to Him.

All: Praise the Lord!

HYMN (See Hymns Section)

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

[NOTE: In this quiet moment, please feel free to share thoughts and prayers by breaking the silence.]

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ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings.

(Refrain)

2. The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky.

(Refrain)

Cecil Frances Alexander
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AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a soul
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
fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first
believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have
already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will
lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope
secures.

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shin-
ing as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we
first begun.

John Newton, 1779
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BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of
the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of
wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible
swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Chorus

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

2. I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred
circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews
and damps;

I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and
flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never sound retreat.
He is sifting out the heart
Of men before His judgment seat.
Oh, be swift my soul to answer Him,
Be jubilant my feet.
Our God is marching on.

4. In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom
that transfigures you and me,
As he died to make men holy
let us live to make men free,
Our God is marching on.

Julia Ward Howe, 1861
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CALLED TO SERVE

Called to serve Him, heav'nly King of glory,
Chosen e'er to witness for his name,
Far and wide we tell the Father's story.
Far and wide his love proclaim.

Chorus

Onward, ever onward,
as we glory in his name;
Onward, ever onward,
as we glory in his name;
Forward, pressing forward,
as a triumph song we sing.

God our strength will be;
 press forward ever,
 Called to serve our King.

Called to know the richness of his blessing—
 Sons and daughters, children of a King—
 Glad of heart, his holy name confessing,
 Praises unto him we bring.

Grace Gordon, Walter G. Tyler
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COME, COME YE SAINTS

Come, come, ye Saints, no toil nor labor fear,
 But with joy wend your way;
 Tho' hard to you this journey may appear,
 Grace shall be as your day.
 'Tis better far for us to strive,
 Our useless cares from us to drive;
 Do this, and joy your hearts will swell—
 All is well! All is well!

Why should we mourn, or think our lot is hard?
 'Tis not so; All is right!
 Why should we think to earn a great reward,
 If we now shun the fight?
 Gird up your loins, fresh courage take,
 Our God will never us forsake
 And soon we'll have this truth to tell—
 All is well! All is well!

William Clayton, 1846; J. T. White, 1944
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COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

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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 soul's 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 is brighter, Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Munster Gesangbuch, 1677; Joseph August Seiss, 1873
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GOD OF OUR FATHERS, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND

God of our fathers,
whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty
all the starry band
Of shining worlds
in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs
before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine
hath led us in the past;
In this free land
by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our Ruler,
Guardian, Guide, and Stay;
Thy Word our law,
thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms,
from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm
our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion
in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness
nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people
on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night
to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives
with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud,
and praise be ever thine.

Daniel C. Roberts, 1876
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GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin!

2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

(Refrain)

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
brighter than snow you may be today.

(Refrain)

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see his face,
will you this moment his grace receive?

(Refrain)

Julia H. Johnston
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HOW GREAT THE WISDOM AND THE LOVE

How great the wisdom and the love
That filled the courts on high
And sent the Savior from above
To suffer, bleed, and die!

He marked the path and led the way,
And every point defines
To light and life and endless day
Where God's full presence shines.

Eliza R. Snow, Thomas McIntyre
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JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Henry Van Dyke, 1911
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MOUNTAIN HYMN

(To the tune of "*Ode to Joy*")

As we walk within your canyons
Give us peace and strength, O Lord.
Give us courage to continue
By Your good and gracious word.
As we see Your world around us,
Help us recognize Your hand.
Let us keep and love it ever
Wondrous wilderness, this land.

As we stand upon these mountains,
Help us treasure all our days
Time we spent with You in wonder;
Hear us as we sing your praise.
Hear our prayers, accept our singing
As we lift our voices high.
Thank You, Lord, for Your creation
For we know that You are nigh!

Lyrics by Gordon Gross

MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE

My country, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
let mortal tongues awake;
let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee,
author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Samuel F. Smith
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NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

Martin Rinkart
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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.

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

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the
rising sun.

Isaac Watts, 1719
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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land by everyone.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord.
And truth eternal is Thy Word;
Thy name shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Thomas Ken, 1674; Isaac Watts, 1781
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THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest
is won;

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with
thee. Amen.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866
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THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before Him!
Keep silence! Keep silence! Keep silence
before Him.

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THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning 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 ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That thought the wrong seems oft so strong.
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done,
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one. Amen.

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
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WE GATHER TOGETHER

We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name,
he forgets not his own.

Nederlandsch Gedencklanck
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INTERFAITH

INTERFAITH SERVICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare
Your glory.

OPENING SONG

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.

Katharine Lee Bates, 1904
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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

(New Jerusalem Bible)

Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name throughout the world!

Whoever keeps singing of your majesty higher than
the heavens,

Even through the mouths of children, or of babes in
arms,

You make him a fortress, firm against your foes,
to subdue the enemy and the rebel.

I look up at your heavens, shaped by your fingers,
at the moon and the stars you set firm—

What are human beings that you spare a thought
for them,

Or the child of Adam that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god,

You have crowned him with glory and beauty,

Made him lord of the works of your hands,
put all things under his feet,

Sheep and cattle, all of them, and even the wild beasts,
birds in the sky, fish in the sea,

When he makes his way across the ocean.

Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name
throughout the world!

RESPONSIVE READING

“On My Honor” by Dr. Carroll Osburn, 1997

(L = Leader; A = All)

L: ON MY HONOR

A: Almighty God, keep us always mindful that our honor is a possession to be cherished as dearly as life itself. Endow us with firmness of purpose and uncommon integrity that will enable us to fulfill those responsibilities with which we are charged. Make us ever conscious of the trust others have placed in us as Scouts.

L: TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD

A: Creator of the universe, how often we forget the true source of life’s joys and pleasures. How often, too, have we failed to remember the origin of the inward strength which has enabled us to be aware of Your continual presence in our daily lives. Help us to understand the more meaningful rewards of service in Your name.

L: AND MY COUNTRY

A: We thank Thee, Almighty God, for the privilege of living in a country such as the United States of America. Keep foremost in our minds that the freedoms which we enjoy were bought through the unselfish sacrifices of those who have gone before us. As the strength of a country is in her people, let us never avoid our responsibility to maintain this nation as a beacon of hope and freedom to all mankind.

L: AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW

A: Heavenly Father, accept the heartfelt thanks of us Scouts and Scouters for such men of vision and leadership as Robert Baden-Powell, William Boyce, James West, and Waite Phillips, who donated this Philmont Scout Ranch to the Boy Scouts of America. Keep always before us the ideals which they set forth, and grant us the courage to live by them when others may not. Allow us never to forget that our actions may be the examples others choose to follow.

L: TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES

A: Grant us forgiveness, Patient Lord, when we place the insignificant wants in our lives above the necessities in others' lives. Teach us to recognize and understand the problems facing others and prepare us for each day's task of helping others.

L: TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT

A: God of our ancestors, let us never forget that our bodies and minds are but temporary gifts from Thee. Help us to preserve, strengthen, and use them for the betterment of our world. May our thoughts and actions be directed toward more meaningful service in Your name. Amen.

MEDITATION AND SHARING

Take a few moments now for personal silent reflection about how God works in creation and in your personal life. You may wish to share these reflections with other attendees.

RESPONSIVE READING

“Scout Law”

Scout: A Scout is Trustworthy.

Leader: Character is what makes a man; and reputation is what people think about him. A young person of character is worthy of trust. No one is worthy of trust who does not recognize his dignity and the dignity of all people as children of God.

Scout: A Scout is Loyal.

Leader: Because our first loyalty is to God, a Scout is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due—his parents, his place of worship, and his country.

Scout: A Scout is Helpful.

Leader: Many faiths teach that the good turn we do for others will be considered as service to their God. Our motive or reason for being helpful is that we see God in everyone. The entire Scouting movement gives us an opportunity to be helpful.

Scout: A Scout is Friendly.

Leader: All humankind are brothers and sisters. Recognizing this, a Scout should be a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout.

Scout: A Scout is Courteous.

Leader: A Scout respects everyone. The meaning of love as a Scout should be taken from the words, “I have not come to be served, but to serve.”

Scout: A Scout is Kind.

Leader: A Scout respects other living creatures, never abusing or mistreating.

Scout: **A Scout is Obedient.**

Leader: A Scout should obey, not because he has to, but because the one leading is someone in authority, and is right in doing so. Victory comes from obedience to all in authority so long as they deserve our obedience.

Scout: **A Scout is Cheerful.**

Leader: A Scout will have joy in his heart and manifest it outwardly by his cheerful manner.

Scout: **A Scout is Thrifty.**

Leader: By being thrifty, we are taught self-respect, making us unwilling to be a burden to others. Far from being a burden, through thrift we are able to help others. A Scout also is deeply concerned with preserving our natural resources.

Scout: **A Scout is Brave.**

Leader: A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has courage to stand for what he thinks is right, even if others scorn him.

Scout: **A Scout is Clean.**

Leader: A Scout keeps clean in body and thought; he stands for clean speech, clean sport, and clean habits; and he travels with a clean crowd.

Scout: **A Scout is Reverent.**

Leader: A Scout is reverent to God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the conviction of others in matters of custom and religion.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Leader: Let us pray together.

Our God and God of our ancestors, we ask Your blessing upon our country, on the leaders of our nation, and on all who exercise rightful authority in our community.

Unite the inhabitants of our country, whatever their origin and creed, into a bond of true friendship, to banish hatred and bigotry, and to safeguard our ideals and institutions of freedom.

May this land under Your providence be an instrument for peace throughout the world. AMEN

OR

PRAYER OF THANKS

Leader: Let us pray together.

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 the 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's a great day! AMEN

OR

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt,
true faith in you.

Refrain

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness
ever joy.
3. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're
born to eternal life.

CLOSING SONG

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 oceans, white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home,
God bless America, my home sweet home.

Irving Berlin, 1938

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OR

DAY IS DONE

Day is done, Gone the sun, From the lake,
From the hills, From the sky,
All is well, Safely rest, God is nigh.

Thanks and praise, For our days
'Neath the sun, 'Neath the stars, 'Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know, God is nigh.

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
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CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, be thou within us, to strengthen us; without us, to keep us; above us, to protect us; beneath us, to uphold us; before us, to direct us; behind us, to keep us from straying; round about us, to defend us.

OR

May God bless us and protect us;
May God show us favor and be gracious to us;
May God show us kindness and grant us peace.
AMEN

TABLE PRAYERS

IN THE MORNING

For these gifts of food, and for your care day by day, we thank you, O God.

We thank you, God, for your care through the night and for this new day. Guide us through this new day and, at the close of the day, may we give you thanks for all we've seen and done.

Dear Lord, we give you thanks for all the blessings you give to us, including this meal. Throughout this day, and always, show us how to serve you by serving others.

AT NOON

For this noonday meal, we are thankful, and we give you praise. Walk with us and continue to keep us safe in all our activities.

O God, help us to see the wonderful things in the earth, sea and sky that are gifts of your love. May this food that we are about to eat, and all your other blessings, help us better to serve you.

As the day goes by, Lord, we thank you for this food and all we need for life that comes from your generosity. Bless these gifts for our use and us for lives of humble service.

IN THE EVENING

O God, we thank you for this evening meal. As you have remembered us throughout this day, help us to remember You, so that we may know and do your will.

Lord, give us cheerfulness and courage to take up the journey of life that is set before us. Inspire us so that

however humble or hard the task before us, we may do it with faithfulness and greatness of heart. Be with us in the fellowship and conversation of this meal.

PRAYERS FOR ANY MEAL

God is great, God is good;
and we thank him for our food.

Be present at our table Lord. Be here and everywhere adored. Through your mercy, bless us and grant that we may be strengthened for service.

PHILMONT MEAL PRAYER

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

SEA BASE MEAL PRAYER

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

WILDERNESS MEAL PRAYER

For food, for raiment,
For life and opportunity,
For sun and rain,
For water and portage trails,
For friendship and fellowship,
We thank thee, O Lord. Amen.

MEETING INVOCATIONS AND CLOSING PRAYER

INVOCATIONS

God, be with us during this meeting that all we say and do may be meaningful in your sight. Amen

Lord, we thank you for bringing us safely to this place. Throughout our time together, help us to understand that, as we serve one another, we also are serving you. Amen

O God, be with us as we meet. We have many issues to discuss and decide. Guide us in our deliberations that your will may be done. Amen

CLOSING PRAYER

May the Great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us 'til we meet again. Amen

Dear God, bless us as we leave this place. Guide us and keep us safe on our homeward way. Amen

May the God of Peace bless and keep you. Amen

INTERFAITH DEVOTIONS

NOTE: The following 14 devotions were written by Fr. William Hibbert to encourage Scouts in their Duty to God while at camp. These devotions are written from an Interfaith perspective for a troop setting.

FINDING GOD IN CAMP

Whether this is your first time at summer camp or whether you have been to camp several times before, you have been anticipating this a long time. And now you are here. New sights, new sounds, new smells surround you. Every day will bring a new discovery about God, about yourself, about your relationship with your fellow Scouts, and about God's magnificent creation.

In the midst of all the other exciting activities, you can also make this a time to live fully the twelfth point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Reverent. Reverent not just on the Sabbath or Holy Day of your faith (whether that day is Friday, Saturday, or Sunday) but every day. God will be your Counselor, your Guide, your Strength, and your Friend here at camp, as God is at all times in your life. The amazing and wonderful marvels of God's creation help you to know God better at camp, perhaps more than at any other time. Look up at the sky, day and night, and to the land and the waters. Nature reveals the enormity and power of God. See how things fit together by design and for a purpose so perfectly in God's creation from the tiniest to the grandest forms of life. Remember, "God doesn't make junk." God loves you and cares about you so much that even if you were the only person on the face of the earth, God still would have created this earth just for you.

PRAYER: Thank you, God, for this opportunity to be at camp. May it bring me the right balance of challenge and reward. May I give to it my best efforts and may you bless me as I do. Amen

RESOURCES THAT ORIENT THE COMPASS OF LIFE

One requirement for advancement in Scouting is to learn how a compass works and how to orient a compass to find a direction for travel. It also requires a Scout to learn how to read a topographical map with all its colors, lines, and symbols and to use a map and compass together to complete a hike or bicycle trip without getting lost. These orienteering skills will help give you some of the best Scouting experiences you can enjoy.

What are some other “maps” that help us orient our direction in life? The Scout Oath and the Scout Law are among those “maps” with which we are most familiar. So are our families, friends, teachers and coaches, and religious leaders. But best of all are the sacred scriptures and sacred writings of our faith traditions. It is here that we find the teachings that give us guidance and direction for the journey of life so we can live life as fully as possible. The sacred writings of most of our faith traditions tell us that God is personal, loving, and just and wants to have a personal relationship with us. In almost every faith tradition is found the teaching that we know as “The Golden Rule,” which says that we should do to and for others what we expect others to do to and for us. Our scriptures and sacred writings are the compass, the map, the chart, and the guide for us to draw near to God. You are encouraged to use them as a daily reminder of your promise as a Scout to strive to live the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

PRAYER: Thank you, God, for giving me many ways to know your will for my life. Give me the wisdom to follow you. Amen.

PERSEVERANCE

There's a common saying, "Every journey begins with one step." We can also say, "Every endeavor (or journey) continues with one more step." Someone once said that "great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance." Can you think of times in your own life when this has been true, when you've accomplished a task or project simply because you refused to give up when it would have been much easier to quit than to continue?

Many times when life seems to be an ordeal we can make it into an adventure by our attitude, by how we inspire others to take "one more step" toward reaching the goal or finish line. Every day life holds the risk of sidetracking us from what we set out to accomplish. In Scouting, perseverance may involve doing the requirements to reach the next rank, staying the course when the weather turns bad, or finishing a competitive game when we know we cannot come in first place. What other examples can you think of in your Scouting experience and in your life? No matter how great the distraction, we can finish the course if we stay focused and keep going and give it our Scouting best. God will help us do that if we daily make an effort to know that God is with us. Sometimes experiencing that through the examples of our friends and leaders, even more than through our own efforts, helps us keep focused on what is truly important.

PRAYER: God, give me the strength to endure, the wisdom to enjoy each moment, and the courage to push myself further than I ever have before. Amen. [From the *Boy Scout High Adventure Base Worship Booklets*]

THE TRULY WONDERFUL THINGS OF LIFE

A story is told about a teacher who had her students write down what they thought were the present “seven wonders of the world.” Many different ideas were presented, but among those most often mentioned were the great pyramids in Egypt, the Taj Mahal in India, the Grand Canyon, the Panama Canal, and the Great Wall in China.

One student was having trouble with the assignment, so the teacher asked her to read her list. She said, “I’m having trouble because there are so many.” She went on to say, “I think the seven wonders of the world are to see, to hear, to touch, to taste, to smell, to laugh, and to love.” She had discovered that the most precious things in life are not things that can be built with human hands or purchased at any price. The truly wondrous things of life are those things we overlook as simple and ordinary and take for granted.

All our senses are given by God to make us more human and fulfilled in our life in God’s creation. Laughing and loving are universal in their meaning among all peoples of the Earth. In what ways are you seeing, hearing, feeling, tasting, and smelling familiar things in new ways to expand your experience of God’s creation?

PRAYER: God, make my heart wide open to all the ways you connect me to your creation and to other people. I thank you for the wonderful ways you have created me in your image and likeness. Amen.

LIVING IN THE DEEP WATER

In a commencement address, the Governor of Rhode Island talked about living life in the deep water. By that he meant to live life as fully as possible. Some people live only in the shallow water, superficially, and they never discover how wonderful life can truly be.

The greatest “deep water” experience you can ever have is to honor God by living your life fully and with integrity. It is to deepen your relationship with God, to learn about yourself, to deepen your relationships with others—such as family, friends, neighbors, and fellow Scouts—and to plunge fully into the enjoyment of God’s magnificent creation. It means to live deeply in whatever arena of life you are in, be it school studies, sports and athletics, your work, your recreation and play, or your service to others.

Think of the ways that Scouting is for you a “deep water” experience, how much fun you’ve had, and how you are better prepared for life because you have not been afraid to test the deep water. Most every faith tradition calls us to live thankfully and abundantly and joyfully, to “live in the deep water.” Promise yourself that you will always live life in the deep water, that you’ll honor God and self by living thankfully, joyfully, abundantly, and according to the principles embodied in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. You have only one life to live. Live it in the deep water. You’ll never regret doing so.

PRAYER: Be with me, God. Walk with me. Make me aware of your presence this day. Help me to live fully each good experience today. I will give you glory. [Adapted from the *Book of Uncommon Prayer*]

GOD RUNS BESIDE US

There once was a high school track coach who was not one of those coaches who stands on the sidelines yelling and clocking his runners. Instead, he ran with them, making it difficult for any to slack off or fall behind or just plain drop out even when they wanted to. When they least expected it, there was the coach running right along beside them. Furthermore this coach didn’t just run alongside his high school runners. He wanted to engage them in conversation. Now it’s hard enough to

keep your lungs and legs working as you run, but add to that chatting along the way. That's being challenged! But that was this coach's mode of operation. He knew his runners both physically and emotionally, and he ran beside them.

For you, the person "running" beside you might be a supportive friend or parent, maybe even an older brother or sister, or some other relative. It might be a teacher or a religious leader giving you encouragement along the way. Chances are someone like that is in your life or will be in the future. For people of faith, whatever that faith tradition is, this image of one who is beside you to keep you focused and growing stronger and helping you to develop character, moral and physical fitness, a strong sense of confidence, and self-esteem, helping you to be the fullest person you hope to be ... this image is the image of God.

God moves beside us, runs with us, engages us, and energizes us. God sometimes takes us to places we don't even want to go or are afraid to go. But God knows what is best for us. God wants us to be the very best we can be because we reflect God's image and likeness and God loves us right into a full life when we let God do so. God will be with you today and always.

PRAYER: Dear God, when I pray, let me feel your presence. When I worship you, let me feel your love. In the quiet moments of the day, I will open my heart to you, God. And I know that you are with me always and that you will hear my prayers. Amen. [From *The Graduate's Book*]

BEING PUT TOGETHER RIGHT

Daniel Beard, one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America, once said, "This was a good country in the past. It is a good country today. It will be a good country tomorrow unless we fail it."

There's a story about parents who were having trouble getting their child interested in geography. They thought that if they purchased a puzzle of the United States, the puzzle would spark her interest. And, to their amazement, their child was able to put together that puzzle in no time at all. They asked her how she did it in such a short time. She explained that on the back of the map was a picture puzzle of the face of George Washington. She said, "When you get the man put together right, the United States comes out all right too." Now that's a significant insight. Because the best way to put things together as they should be in our country, in the world, is for each of us to be "put together right."

This story has important applications. Being "put together right" begins with our faith in God. It is living our faith that inspires us and molds us into people who reflect the image of God in our world. Being "put together right" means that we put faith, family, and friends first in the priorities of our lives. More than ever before our society, our nation, and our world need people just like you, people who are being "put together right," people who will make a significant difference in the world and produce a secure future for themselves and their families.

PRAYER: God, I am thankful that I live in such a wonderful country as the United States of America. I am thankful for all the blessings you have bestowed on my country. Knowing that a good nation must be made from the strengths of its people, help me to be the best citizen I can be so that I will make a difference today and every day. Amen.

CHOOSE TO FOLLOW THE LIGHT

A troop of Scouts was touring Chicago. One of the highlights of their trip was to go to the observation deck near the top of the Sears Tower, a hundred floors above the

ground. It was late in the afternoon, and far below busy traffic was moving along the city streets and people were hurrying home from work.

One of the Scouts noticed something. People who were walking into the sun, low in the western sky, were walking with their shadows behind them while people walking in the opposite direction, away from the sun, were walking into their shadows. It didn't take him very long to make a connection between what he was seeing and his own faith tradition. Many faiths use the contrast between light and dark as an image of good and evil. To be in the light, or walking toward the light, is to be moving toward God, who is the source of all love and goodness for us and for all God's creation. To be walking away from the light, into one's shadow, can be compared to walking away from God, away from all that is good, into the darkness of separation from God, from others, from self, and even from God's own creation, of which we are a part.

The choice is ours, isn't it? We either can choose to do that which is good or that which is bad, to live close to God or away from God and from one another. Which choices have you made in your own life? When have you made them? When have you changed direction and moved toward God and the light? How have you helped a friend, perhaps a Scout of your troop or patrol, to find the direction that leads to the light of God? The next time you are outside on a sunny day observe where your shadow is and make that a reminder of the teachings of your faith tradition about the power of God and the power of evil and the choices we make.

PRAYER: God, you are my light. Help me always to make choices that lead to you and give me the strength to follow them. Amen.

WORK HARD, PLAY FAIR AND PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE

“Work hard, play fair, and paddle your own canoe.” These are the words of Walter Jones, who was the equivalent of an Eagle Scout as a boy in Canada and became an active adult Scout leader in both Canada and the United States throughout his life. He was also a leader in his religious faith tradition in both countries.

His favorite advice to his own children and to youth in general is summed up in these words, “work hard, play fair, and paddle your own canoe.” Walter Jones’s wish for every young person, indeed every person, was for each to reach his or her full God given potential in life. To “work hard” does not necessarily mean hard physical labor. It means to dedicate oneself to getting a good education, to helping out at home in the neighborhood and community where you live, and to finding the career that best fits your abilities and gifts. This will help you support your family and make you a productive citizen willing to give of yourself to make your community better. To “play fair” means to have fun in life, to enjoy time with family and friends, to know the benefits of recreation without always having to come in first, to develop the kind of values and character that will make others want to spend time with you. To “paddle your own canoe” means not to compare yourself with others, but to be fully the person God would have you to be.

What other meanings in these words of advice can you think of for your own life? How does your Scouting experience help you fulfill these concepts? God does indeed want us to be the best we can be, and one way to reach that is to “work hard, play fair, and paddle your own canoe.”

PRAYER: God, help me to honor you with my life today. Help me to do my best for you in things I will learn today, in my companionship with my friends, and in reaching the goals that you have helped me set for myself. Amen.

“YESTERDAY IS HISTORY, TOMORROW IS MYSTERY, TODAY IS....”

There’s an old saying, “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery, today is...” We can fill in the answer to what today is in many ways. What are some of the ways you would answer that? Let’s look at it in light of the opportunities that you have in your life.

Yesterday is indeed history. It is past. It is gone. It is only now in your memory. Perhaps it was a really good day, perhaps only an average day with nothing of real note taking place. Or maybe it was the kind of day that we all have from time to time, a day we are glad is over and gone.

And then there’s tomorrow. Tomorrow has not yet come. We may have plans for tomorrow, things to do, friends to hang out with, school work to complete, places to go, but until tomorrow is here we don’t really know whether or not we will be able to fulfill our plans. Tomorrow is filled with unknowns. Tomorrow truly is a mystery for us.

But what about today? Today is the only “real” time we have. What are your plans for today? What are your goals for this day? How are you going to honor and thank God today by the things you say and you do, and the things you don’t say and don’t do? Each new day brings with it a chance for a new beginning. The choices you make today may be influenced by what happened yesterday, and they may affect what you plan for tomorrow. But today is God’s gift to you. Be thankful for it and do your best to make it the best day of your life and a day in which you will

come closer to the person God would have you to be.

PRAYER: God, today is the day that you have made. Help me to rejoice and be thankful for this day and live it fully. Amen.

THIS FRAGILE EARTH, OUR ISLAND HOME

Astronomer Carl Sagan often presented a vision of planet Earth by reflecting on a spacecraft with intelligent beings approaching Earth from a distant place in the universe. His descriptions of what these beings see as they come closer and closer to Earth, with increasing clarity of the planet and its many life forms and human-made objects, were always very vivid.

Many lessons can be learned from such images. On a dark and clear night go off to a place where you can see the myriad of stars and heavenly bodies clearly in the darkened sky. Pick out the pinpoint of light of a distant star and pretend that it is planet Earth and you are looking at it from an almost unimaginable distance. It seems like a very insignificant place amid the visible stars and other objects in the night sky, doesn't it? Reflect on the fact that this is what our Earth does look like from such a distance. Now, think of that famous picture of the rising Earth taken from the moon a few decades ago, that exquisite watery blue sphere with its white cloud formations and the broad expanses of its continents clearly visible, this "fragile Earth, our island home."

Think about how unique Earth is in our solar system, perhaps even in our Milky Way Galaxy and beyond. Think about our place on Earth as human beings created in the image and likeness of God and what that means in terms of our relationship to all of God's creation, both on Earth and throughout the universe. How privileged

we are to be co-creators with our God and to share in the wonders of God's universe! It is a humbling experience, a beautiful experience, and an experience beyond words. Relax, reflect, enjoy, praise and thank God in your own words. And promise to do your part to take care of your world and the people within it.

PRAYER: Thank you for helping me to know that, in the immense and beautiful universe you continue to create, you have made me unique and special in your image and likeness. Amen.

PURPOSE AND DESIGN IN GOD'S CREATION

God's design of His creation is a wonderful miracle. The beauty of nature is inspiring. As often as you can, spend at least a few minutes a day to look closely at some part of the natural world around you. Give thanks to God for its design and its connection to all other living things (and nonliving too, such as rock and earth and water and clouds). You will be awed by what you experience and discover.

One day, the writer of this reflection was sitting quietly in a sunny location in Florida when he happened to catch in his vision the tiniest of brightly colored spiders dropping on a thread of silk from a tree branch. As he watched, this spider swayed in the light breeze until he landed on another lower branch. It was not long before a framework for a web was formed from three or four sturdy single vertical strands placed at some distance from one another. Then the work of shaping the web began in earnest and was accomplished quite quickly. Around and around, beginning from the outside and working toward the center, this tiny spider connected strands of its web together in an exquisite geometric pattern, each circular strand perfectly separated from the next in an exact design. Finally, the spider reached the very center and took up

residence, waiting for an unsuspecting insect to be caught in the newly constructed web to provide the food and nourishment for the spider's life and species to continue.

Each part of God's creation is uniquely gifted by its Creator with all it needs for survival and the continuance of its species. This is no less true for you. The difference is that you are aware of how you are using God's gifts to you. Use them wisely and for their intended purposes, and your life will bring equal glory to God as that tiny little spider in a tree in Florida did.

PRAYER: When our eyes behold the beauty and grandeur of your world, O God, we see the wisdom, power, and goodness of its Creator. Your name alone is exalted. Amen.

RAINBOWS

More than 17,000 enthusiastic Scouts from 108 countries of the world gathered in the Rocky Mountains of Alberta, Canada, for the XV World Jamboree. Thunderstorms with cold rain threatened the opening ceremonies and arena show. Just before the events began, the clouds parted, the setting sun shone brightly, and a rainbow arched across the sky over the site of the Jamboree.

Rainbows are one of God's truly spectacular natural phenomena. Even though we know how naturally they form, often the world seems to come to a temporary halt so we can enjoy the beauty of these colorful heavenly creations. One reason for this surely comes from the religious tradition that God sealed a new relationship with humanity and with all God's creation following the Great Flood by the sign of the rainbow in the sky.

The rainbow has become a reminder of God's presence, often a reassuring message, as it were, that whatever has gone wrong will be made OK. Stories are told of how dif-

difficult and stressful situations that seem to have no resolution are calmed, at least for a time, by the sign of the rainbow in the heavens. God is present. God is walking with us through both the joys and the sorrows and the challenges of life. We need not be afraid. The next time you see a rainbow in the sky, may it be a reminder to you of God's companionship with you every step of your life. And give thanks.

PRAYER: God, I thank you for the many ways you make yourself known to your people. I especially thank you for the sign of the rainbow, which gives me joy and a continuing reminder of your loving and caring presence with me and with all people. Amen.

THE WHOLE WORLD HAS BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO SHOW UP

“The whole world has been waiting for you to show up!” These are the words of a Scout camp director to the excited Scouts at the closing campfire of summer camp. They are potent words, filled with hope and promise and expectation, and they set the tone for every Scout's return back to home and community.

You have enjoyed a terrific week of camp. You've worked on skills to advance in rank and to take with you for the rest of your life—skills in leadership, in camping, in waterfront activities, in cooking, in hiking, perhaps in craft making, in field sports, and in building confidence and a stronger sense of yourself. You have enjoyed competitive games and campfire programs, service projects and special events. Maybe you've made some new friends who have helped to bring out the best in you, and you have done the same in them. You've learned to trust in yourself, in others, and in God. What other things can you add to this list as you reflect on your week at camp?

Without perhaps even realizing it, you most likely have practiced every one of the twelve points of the Scout Law sometime this week. You've been trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. It has become ever so much more a way of life for you. You've changed this week and you are returning home stronger in body, mind, and spirit. You've grown up a bit and you are that much closer to fulfilling all the potential that God has given you for a healthy and productive and full life. You've come to the end of your summer camp experience for this year. And while you can't stay here now, you can return again. And you probably will, because it has been one of the best weeks of your life. As you leave for home remember that you can do anything with your life from this moment on and also that you are called by God to make a difference in the world. You are a Scout!

PRAYER: God, life is full of beginnings and endings. Help me to make the best of each new experience as I grow in my relationship with you, with my family, and with my friends. Help me not to waste a single day, but to make every day a day on which I can make a difference for the betterment of all. Amen.

UPON RETURN FROM A JOURNEY:

Repeat the previous *duaa*' and add to it:

We are returners, repentants, worshippers, and thankful to our Lord.

'Ayiboona, ta'eboona, aabidoona, lirabbina hamidoona.

آيُونَ تَائِبُونَ عَابِدُونَ لِرَبِّنَا حَامِدُونَ

WHEN FACED BY HARDSHIP:

Oh Allah! There is nothing easy except what You make easy, and You make the difficult easy if it be Your will.

Allahommala-sahla illa-ma-ja altaho sahla, wa'anta taj alol-hazna Itha Shi"ta sahla.

اللَّهُمَّ لَا سَهْلَ إِلَّا مَا جَعَلْتَهُ سَهْلًا،
وَأَنْتَ تَجْعَلُ الْحَزْنَ إِذَا شِئْتَ سَهْلًا

WHEN SETTING OUT ON A JOURNEY:

Oh Allah! It is with Your help that I struggle, move, and walk. Oh Allah! I beg of You in this journey, virtue, piety, and deeds which are acceptable to You. Oh Allah! Make our journey easy for us and shorten for us its distance. Oh Allah! You are the companion in the journey and the guardian-protector of the household. Oh Allah! I seek refuge in You from the difficulties of this journey, and from disagreeable sights and from unpleasant return to (my) wealth, household, and children.

Allahoma bika 'asool, wa bika 'ajool, wa bika 'aseer. Allahomma 'inni 'as'aloka fi safari hadha al-birra wa at-taqwa, wa min al-aamali ma tarda. Allahomma hawwin aaleyna safarana hadha wa 'atwi aanna bo'dahu. Allahomma anta as-sahibu fi is-safari wa al-khalfatu fi il-'ahel. Allahomma 'inni 'aoodho bika min wa aatha' is-safari, wa ka'abati il-manzari, wa so'i il-monqalabi fi il-maali wa al-'ahli wa al-waladi.

اللَّهُمَّ بِكَ أَصُولُ، وَبِكَ أَجُولُ، وَبِكَ أَسِيرُ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ
فِي سَفَرِي هَذَا الْبِرَّ وَالتَّقْوَى، وَمِنَ الْعَمَلِ مَا تَرْضَى اللَّهُمَّ
هُوَ عَلَيْنَا سَفَرْنَا هَذَا وَأَطْوَعْنَا بَعْدَهُ اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الصَّاحِبُ
فِي السَّفَرِ وَالْخَلِيفَةُ فِي الْأَهْلِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ وَعَثَاءِ
السَّفَرِ، وَكَآبَةِ الْمَنْظَرِ، وَسُوءِ الْمُنْقَلَبِ فِي الْمَالِ وَالْأَهْلِ وَالْوَالِدِ.

WHEN MOUNTING A MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION (HORSE, CAR, TRAIN, PLANE, ETC.):

Glory to Him who has subjected these to our (use), for we could never have accomplished this (by ourselves). And to our Lord, surely must we turn back!

Subhan al-ladhi sakhkhara lana hadha wa ma kunna laho muqrineena wa inna `ila Rabba lamonqaliboon.

﴿سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرْنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ
وَإِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ﴾

WHEN RETIRING TO SLEEP:

In Your name, oh Lord, I lay my side (to sleep). And by (Your leave) I raise it up. So if You take away my soul (during sleep), forgive it, and if You send it back (after sleep), protect it even as You protect Your pious servants.

Bismika Rabbi wa daato janbi wa bika arfaaho, in `amsakta nafsi faghfir laha, wa `in arsaltaha fahfazha bima tahfazo bihi ibadaka as-salihina.

بِاسْمِكَ رَبِّي وَضَعْتُ جَنْبِي وَبِكَ أَرْفَعُهُ،
إِنْ أَمْسَكَتَ نَفْسِي فَاعْفِرْ لَهَا، وَإِنْ أَرْسَلْتَهَا فَاحْفَظْهَا
بِمَا تَحْفَظُ بِهِ عِبَادَكَ الصَّالِحِينَ. (رواه الجماعة)

PRAYERS OF THE PROPHET FOR DAILY LIFE

WAKING UP:

Praise be to Allah who gave us life after death and unto Him will be the return.

Al-hamdu lillah-il-ladhi ahyana baada ma amatana wa`ileyhi in-nushur.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَحْيَانَا بَعْدَ مَا أَمَاتَنَا وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ

WHEN BEGINNING A MEAL:

Oh Allah! Bless (the food) You provided us and save us from the punishment of the hellfire. In the name of Allah.

Allahomma barik lana fima razaqtana, wa qina aad-haba an-nar, bism-illahi.

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِيْمَا رَزَقْتَنَا، وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ، بِسْمِ اللَّهِ

AFTER FINISHING A MEAL:

Praise be to Allah who has fed us and given us drink, and made us Muslims.

Al-hamdu lillahi il-ladhi ataamana wa saqana wa ja aalana Muslimina.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَنَا وَسَقَانَا وَجَعَلَنَا مُسْلِمِينَ

So, worship Allah and associate no other partner with Him. And fear from Him as one should rightly fear, and whatever good undertakings come out of your mouths must be truly fulfilled by you in Allah's presence so that through Allah's blessings you will be united among yourselves. Truly, Allah becomes angry with one who does not keep his promises. May Allah keep you all in His peace.

This is from a sermon of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Let us seek guidance and forgiveness.

Al-hamdu lillahi, hamdan kathiran, waspsalaamu aala Muhammad, wa aala ahlihi, wa sahabihi ajma'een, wa man tab'ahum be-'ihsan 'ila yom ud-deen.

Inna Allaha wa mala'ekatuhu, yussalloona aala an-nabi.

Ya ayuhalla-theena 'amanu sallu aaleyhe, wa sallimu tasleema, wa baad.

The Prophet (pbuh) has said as reported in Al-Hadith, Baihaqu, "Show me that you possess these five virtues: That you are truthful when you speak; that you fulfill your trust when you promise; that you guard yourself against immodesty; that you lower your eyes to the ground; and that you withhold your hand from doing what is wrong, then I will guarantee you paradise." (Read three times.)

Iqamat as-sallaat. (Call for the prayer.)

KHUTBA FOR SALATUL JUMAH (FRIDAY NOON PRAYERS)

Al-hamdu lillahi, nasta'eenuhu, wa nastaghferuhu, wa nastahdeeyahu, wa na'uzu billahi men sharri anfusana wa men sayyee'ati a'malinah. Man yahdeh ellaahu falaa mudella lahu, wa man yudell falaa hadiya lahu. Wa ash-hadu alla ellaha ela Allah, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa rasuluhu, wa baad.

Wa ba'ad.

Praise be to Allah! I remember and glorify His many attributes of power and mercy, and I ask help from Him. We seek refuge with Allah from the evils within ourselves and from the wickedness of our deeds. For one who is guided by Allah, there is none that can misguide him, and for one who gets astray (as a result of Allah's displeasure), there is none to guide him. And I bear witness—truly, there is no God but Allah, He is the only one with no partner. Undoubtedly, the excellent teaching is the *Book of Allah*, the blessed and the exalted. One whose heart Allah has adorned with it, and brought him to the fold of Islam after he has renounced the worship of many gods (polytheism), and who adopted it in preference to all other messages of the people, surely he is the successful and redeemed. Verily, it is the excellent teaching and the most eloquent.

Love you all that is loved by Allah. Get the love of Allah imprinted in your very heart, and don't feel tired of reciting Allah's words, and remembering Him, and do not blacken your hearts. This is because from among all that has been created by Allah, and liked and chosen by Him, and best of all the good things, as well as from among the lawful and unlawful, and the good forms of worship, He has assigned superiority to His own words.

And He has put love between their hearts. Not if you had spent all that is in the earth, could you have produced that affection, but Allah has done it, for He is exalted in might, wise. (Qur'an 8:63)

﴿وَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ، لَوْ أَنْفَقْتَ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعاً مَا أَلَّفْتَ
بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ، وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَلَّفَ بَيْنَهُمْ، إِنَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ﴾
(الأنفال: ٦٣)

DAY NINE

Reflections: Are we encouraged to nourish an intimate connection with the pulse of creation?

Aisha (*rabiyah Allah*, wife of Muhammad, Messenger of Allah) often noticed that if there was a roll of thunder, even in the distance, the face of the Prophet (pbuh) would change color. The sound of a powerful gust of wind would likewise visibly move Him and on at least one occasion when there was a downpour of rain He bared His head, shoulders, and breast and went out in the open so that He might share the delight of the earth in receiving the bounty of the earth directly upon His skin. (Adapted from the Sirah of Muhammad, from the Earliest Sources, by Martin Lings.)

DAY TEN

Reflections: This time spent at camp has been a time of discovery and growth. What can we learn from the time your crew has spent together with nature? We are the same and yet so different!

Oh humankind! I have created you male and female from a single soul, and made you nations and tribes so that you may know each other. Truly, the most honored of you in the sight of God is the one who is most righteous. And Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted with all things. (Qur'an 49:13)

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴾
(الحجرات: ١٣)

DAY EIGHT

Reflections: In nature there are many signs of Allah, if we but have eyes to see, ears to hear, and a pure heart to commune with God. What can we learn from the creation of God?

It is Allah who looses the winds that set the clouds in motion, and we drive them on to a land that is dead. Thus do we bring the earth back to life after it has been dead. . (Qur'an 35:9)

﴿والله الذي أرسل الرياح فتثير سحاباً فسقناه
إلى بلد ميت فأحيينا به الأرض بعد موتها . . . ﴾
(فاطر : ٩)

And among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the variations in your languages and your colors; truly in that are signs for those who know. . . . And among His signs He shows you the lightning by way both of fear and of hope, and He sends down rain from the sky and with it gives life to the earth after it is dead. Truly in that are signs for those who are wise. (Qur'an 30:22, 24)

﴿ومن آياته خلق السموات والأرض واختلاف ألسنتكم
واللوانكم إن في ذلك لآيات للعالمين ﴾
(الروم : ٢٢)

﴿ومن آياته يريكم البرق خوفاً وطمعاً وينزل من السماء ماءً
فيحيي به الأرض بعد موتها إن في ذلك لآيات لقوم يعقلون ﴾
(الروم : ٢٤)

It is He who has made you His representatives and stewards of the earth. He has raised you in ranks, some above others, that He may try you in the gifts He has given you, for your Lord is quick in punishment, yet He is indeed Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful. (Qur'an 6:165)

﴿وهو الذين جعلكم خلائف الأرض ورفع
بعضكم فوق بعض درجات ليبلوكم في ما آتاكم
إن ربك سريع العقاب وإنه لغفور رحيم﴾
(الأنعام: ١٦٥)

DAY SEVEN

Reflections: Allah did not create us to live alone. We share this planet earth with many other creatures. How should we relate to the rest of creation?

There is not an animal in the earth nor a flying creature flying on two wings but they are nations like unto you. We have neglected nothing in the Book (of Our decrees). Then unto their Lord will they be gathered. (Qur'an 6:38)

﴿وما من دابة في الأرض ولا طائر يطير بجناحيه إلا أمم أمثالكم،
ما فرطنا في الكتاب من شيء، ثم إلى ربهم يحشرون﴾
(الأنعام: ٣٨)

DAY SIX

Reflections: Do we have a responsibility for the condition of the earth?

Let there be from among you, a group of believers who call to what is good, and will prohibit the evil. (Qur'an 3:104)

﴿ولتكن منكم أمة يدعون إلى الخير،
ويأمرون بالمعروف، وينهون عن المنكر﴾
(آل عمران: ١٠٤)

Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do righteous deeds that He will assuredly make them to succeed (those now with power) and grant them stewardship and responsibility in the land just as He made those before them to succeed others. (Qur'an 24:55)

﴿وعد الله الذين آمنوا منكم وعملوا الصالحات
ليستخلفنهم في الأرض كما استخلف الذين من قبلهم﴾
(النور: ٥٥)

The world is green and beautiful and Allah appointed you as His stewards over it. He sees how you acquit yourselves. (Saying of the prophet Muhammad, pbuh.)

DAY FIVE

Reflections: Amidst the splendor of God's creation, we should remember that much of the earth is today devastated and lain in waste. May humans recklessly exploit the earth without fear of consequence?

Know that we did not create the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them, in frivolous play. (Qur'an 21:16)

﴿وما خلقنا السماء والأرض وما بينهما لا عيين﴾
(الأنبياء: ١٦)

Corruption has appeared over land and water on account of what man's hands have wrought. (Qur'an 30:40)

﴿ظهر الفساد في البر والبحر بما كسبت أيدي الناس﴾
(الروم: ٤١)

Don't you see that it is Allah who has created the heavens and the earth, not without a plan and purpose? He can, if He so wills, remove you and put in your place a new people. That will not be so difficult for God to do. (Qur'an 14:19-20)

﴿ألم تر أن الله خلق السموات والأرض بالحق إن يشأ يذهبكم ويأت بخلق جديد، وما ذلك على الله بعزيز﴾
(إبراهيم: ١٩ - ٢٠)

Such is God, your real Cherisher and Sustainer. Apart from truth, what remains but error? How then are you turned away? (Qur'an 10:32)

﴿ فذلکم اللہ ربکم الحق فماذا بعد
 الحق إلا الضلال فأنی تُصْرَفُونَ ﴾
 (یونس : ۳۲)

DAY FOUR

Reflections: How great is the power of God, and how humble should we be in His presence?

To Him is due the primal origin of the heavens and the earth. When He creates a thing, He simply says to it 'Be!' and it evolves into being. (Qur'an 2:117)

﴿ بَدِيعَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَإِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا
 فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُن فَيَكُونُ ﴾
 (البقرة : ۱۱۷)

Have not the incredulous people considered that the heavens and the earth were originally one closed-up mass, and We rent them asunder? Do not they know that it is out of water that We have made everything living? Will they not then give credence to Our portents? (Qur'an 21:30)

﴿ أَوَلَمْ يَرِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ كَانَتَا رَتْقًا
 فَفَتَقْنَاهُمَا وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴾
 (الأنبياء : ۳۰)

DAY THREE

Reflections: On the mountains and in the forests, the immensity of God's creation is awe-inspiring. How can we understand the majesty of God?

Surely in the creation of the heavens and the earth and in the alternation of the night and of the day are signs for men possessed of minds who remember Allah. (Qur'an 3:190)

﴿إن في خلق السموات والأرض واختلاف
الليل والنهار لآيات لأولي الألباب﴾
(آل عمران : ١٩٠)

With power and skill did We construct the firmament, for it is We who create the vastness of space. And We have spread out the spacious earth. How excellently We do spread out! And of every thing We have created pairs, that you may reflect and learn. Hasten you then to Allah. (Qur'an 51:47-50)

﴿والسمااء بنيناها بأيد وإنا لموسعون ،
والأرض فرشناها فنعم الماهدون ،
ومن كل شيء خلقنا زوجين لعلكم
تذكرون ، ففروا إلى الله إني لكم منه نذير مبين﴾
(الذاريات : ٤٧ - ٥٠)

DAY TWO

Reflections: All humans have been given a common nature (*fitra*). What is the nature of our way which is harmonious with human nature?

Set your face to the true religion—the nature of God, on which He has instituted the innate nature of mankind. No change is permissible in Allah's creation. This is the eternal way. (Qur'an 30:30)

﴿ فَأَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا فِطْرَةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ
النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقِيمُ ﴾
(الروم : ٣٠)

Say: He is God, The One and Only; Allah, the Eternal, Absolute; He begets not nor is He begotten; and there is none like unto Him. (Qur'an 112:1-4)

﴿ قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ، اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ، لَمْ يَلِدْ،
وَلَمْ يُولَدْ، وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ﴾
(الإخلاص : ١-٤)

This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam (the way of peace and obedience to God) as your religion. (Qur'an 5:3)

﴿ الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ
نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا ﴾
(المائدة : ٣)

DAILY MEDITATIONS

DAY ONE

Reflections: To whom do we turn our hearts and minds in worship, remembrance, and service? What are the simple words that guide us through each day?

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. Praise be to God, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds, Most Gracious, Most Merciful, Master of the Day of Judgment. You do we worship, and Your aid we seek. Show us the straight way. The way of those on whom You have bestowed Your grace, those who earn not Your anger and who go not astray. (Qur'an 1:1-7)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 ﴿الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ، مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ،
 إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ، إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ، صِرَاطَ
 الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ، غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ، وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ﴾
 (الفاتحة: ١-٧)

PERPETUAL PRAYER SCHEDULE

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t'fila v'tachanun atah. Baruch
atah Adonai, shomei-a t'fila.

May it be Your will, our God and God of our ancestors, to lead us on the way of peace, so that You will bring us happily to our destination safe and sound. Save us from danger on the way. Give us good grace, kindness, and favor both in Your eyes and in the eyes of all we may meet. Hear our prayer for You are a God who listens to the heart's supplication. Praised are You, Adonai, who hears our prayers.

T'FILAT HADERECH— PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS

יהי רצון מלפניך יי אלהינו
 ואלהי אבותינו, שתוליכנו
 לשלום, ותצעידנו לשלום
 ותדריכנו לשלום ותגיענו
 למחוז חפצנו לחיים
 ולשמחה ולשלום, ותצלנו
 מכף כל-אויב ואורב
 ולסטים וחיות רעות בדרך
 ומכל-מיני פורעניות
 המתרגשות ובאות לווא לעולם.
 ותשלח ברכה בכל-מעשה
 ידינו, ותתננו לחן ולחסד
 ולרחמים בעיניך ובעיני כל-
 רואנו, ותשמע קול
 תחנונינו, כי אל שומע
 תפלה ותחנון אתה. ברוך
 אתה יי, שומע תפלה.

Y'hi ratzon mil'fanecha Adonai Eloheinu
 veilohei avoteinu, shetolichenu
 l'shalom, v'tatzideinu l'shalom
 v'tadricheinu l'shalom v'tagi-einu
 limchoz cheftzeinu l'chayim
 ul-simcha ul-shalom, v'tatzileinu
 mikaf kol oyeiv v'oreiv
 v'listim v'chayot ra-ot baderech
 u-mi kol minei fur-anivot
 hamitrag'shot lavo la-olam.
 V'tishlach b'racha b'chol ma-asei
 yadeineu, v'tit'neinu l'chein ul-chesed
 ul-rachamin b'einecha uv-einei chol
 ro-einu, v'tishma kol
 tachanuneinu, ki Eil shomei-a

Blessed are you, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, who in Your goodness nourishes the whole world with favor and kind love and mercy. You give food to all living things because Your kind love is always with us. Out of Your great goodness. You never let us lack for food, and may You never let us lack in the future. For the sake of what You stand for—that You are God, who feeds and provides for everyone—You do good for everyone and prepare food for all the living things You created. Blessed are You, O God, who feeds everyone.

Kakativ, v'achalta v-savata	כַּכַּתִּיב, וְאַחַלְתָּ וְשָׂבַעְתָּ
u-veirachta et Adonai	וּבְרַכְתָּ אֶת־יְיָ
Elohecha al ha-aretz hatova	אֱלֹהֶיךָ עַל הָאָרֶץ הַטּוֹבָה
asher natan lach. Baruch	אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לְךָ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה
Ata Adonai, al ha-aretz v'al	יְיָ, עַל הָאָרֶץ וְעַל הַמָּזוּן.
hamazon.	

Uv-nei Yerushalayim ir	וּבְנֵי יְרוּשָׁלַיִם עִיר הַקֹּדֶשׁ
hakodesh bim-heira	בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ
v'yameinu. Baruch Ata	בּוֹנֵה בְּרַחֲמָיו יְרוּשָׁלַיִם. אָמֵן.
Adonai, boneh v'rachamav	
Yerushalayim. Amen.	

O let Jerusalem, the holy city, be renewed in our time. Blessed is the Eternal, by whose compassion we will see Jerusalem renewed and at peace. Amen.

Oseh shalom bim-romav hu	עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא
ya-aseh shalom aleinu v'al	יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל־
kol Yisrael, v'imru. Amen.	יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ. אָמֵן.

May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and on all the world. And we say: Amen

Shir hama-a-lot
 B'shuv Adonai
 Et shivat Tziyon
 Hayinu k'cholmim
 Az yimalei s'chok pinu
 Ul-shoneinu rina.
 Az yomru vagoyim
 Higdil Adonai la-a-sot
 im eileh
 Higdil Adonai la-a-sot
 imanu
 Hayinu s'meichim.
 Shuva Adonai et sh'viteinu
 Ka-afikim banegev.
 Hazorim b'dima b'rina
 yiktzoru.
 Haloch yelech uvacho
 Nosei meshech hazara.
 Bo yavo v'rina nosei alumotav.

Baruch Ata Adonai,
 Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
 hazan et ha-olam kulo
 b'tuvo b'chen b'chesed
 uv-rachamim hu noten
 lechem l'chol basar, ki
 l'olam chasdo. Uv-tuvo
 hagadol tamid lo chasar
 lanu v'al yechsar lanu
 mazon l'olam va-ed.
 Ba-avur sh'mo hagadol ki
 hu El zan um-farnes lakol
 u-meitiv lakol u-meichin
 mazon l'chol b'riyotav
 asher bara. Baruch Ata
 Adonai, hazan et hakol.

שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת
 בְּשׁוּב יְיָ אֶת־שִׁיבַת צִיּוֹן הָיִינוּ
 כְּחֹלְמִים. אֲזוּ יִמְלֵא שְׂחוֹק פִּינוּ
 וְלִשְׁוֹנֵנוּ רִנָּה, אֲזוּ יֹאמְרוּ בְּגוֹיִם
 הַגְדִּיל יְיָ לַעֲשׂוֹת עִם אֱלֹהֵי.
 הַגְדִּיל יְיָ לַעֲשׂוֹת עִמָּנוּ הָיִינוּ
 שְׂמֵחִים. שׁוּבָה יְיָ אֶת־שְׁבִיתֵנוּ
 כְּאַפִּיקִים בְּנֶגֶב. הַזְרְעִים
 בְּדַמְעָה בְּרִנָּה יִקְצְרוּ. הַלֹּדֶךְ
 יִלְדֶךָ וּבִכְהָ נִשְׂא מִשְׁדֵּךְ הַזְרַע,
 בֹּא יבֹא בְרִנָּה נִשְׂא אֲלֻמֹּתָיו.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
 הָעוֹלָם, הַזֵּן אֶת־הָעוֹלָם כֻּלּוֹ
 בְּטוֹבוֹ בְּחֵן בְּחֶסֶד וּבְרַחֲמִים
 הוּא נוֹתֵן לַחֵם לְכָל־בֶּשֶׂר, כִּי
 לְעוֹלָם חֶסֶדוֹ. וּבְטוֹבוֹ הַגְּדוֹל
 תַּמִּיד לֹא חָסַר לָנוּ וְאֵל יַחְסֹר
 לָנוּ מִזֶּן לְעוֹלָם וָעַד. בְּעִבּוֹר
 שְׁמוֹ הַגְּדוֹל כִּי הוּא אֵל זֵן
 וּמְפָרֵס לְכָל וּמְטִיב לְכָל
 וּמְכִין מִזֶּן לְכָל־בְּרִיּוֹתָיו אֲשֶׁר
 בָּרָא. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַזֵּן אֶת־
 הַכֹּל.

Leader, raising the goblet of wine again:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, הַמְבַדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ
לְחַל, בֵּין אֹר לְחֹשֶׁךְ, בֵּין
יִשְׂרָאֵל לְעַמִּים, בֵּין יוֹם
הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשֵׁשֶׁת יָמֵי
הַמַּעֲשֶׂה. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי,
הַמְבַדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחַל.

Baruch atah Adonai,
 Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
 hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol,
 bein or l'choshech, bein
 Yisrael la-amin, bein yom
 hashvi-i l'shei-shet y'mei
 hama-aseh. Baruch atah
 Adonai, hamavdil bein
 kodesh l'chol.

Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who has made a distinction between the holy and the ordinary, between light and darkness, between the people of Israel and the heathens, between the seventh day and the six ordinary days of the week. Praised are You, Adonai, who has made a distinction between the holy and the ordinary.

BIRKAT HAMAZON

(PRAYER AFTER MEALS)

Shir hama-a-lot is sung before the meal prayer on Sabbaths and Festivals.

HAMOTZI

(BLESSING OVER THE BREAD)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמוֹצֵיא לֶחֶם מִן
הָאָרֶץ.

Baruch Ata Adonai,
Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
who causes bread to come forth from the earth.

HAVDALAH

(END OF SHABBAT)

The Leader raises the cup of wine.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
Creator of the fruit of the vine.

The Leader holds up the spice-box.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִיְנֵי בְשָׂמִים.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
Creator of all the spices.

*The spice-box is circulated;
the Leader holds up the candle.*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מְאוּרֵי הָאֵשׁ.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
Creator of the light of fire.

With wine, our symbol of joy, we celebrate this day and its holiness. We give thanks for all our blessings, for life and health, for work and rest, for home and love and friendship. And on Shabbat, eternal sign of creation, we rejoice that we are created in the divine image.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מִלְּךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.
 בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מִלְּךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
 בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְרָצָה בָּנוּ, וְשִׁבַּת קִדְּשׁוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן
 הִנְחִילָנוּ, וְזָכְרוֹן לְמַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית. כִּי הוּא יוֹם תְּחִלָּה
 לְמִקְרָאֵי קִדְּשׁ, יִזְכָּר לְיִצְיַאת מִצְרַיִם. כִּי-בָנוּ בְּחֶרֶף
 וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְּשָׁתָּ מִכָּל-הָעַמִּים, וְשִׁבַּת קִדְּשָׁךְ בְּאַהֲבָה
 וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחַלְתָּנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, מִקְדָּשׁ הַשִּׁבֻּת.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
 Borei pri hagafen.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu, melech ha-olam, asher
 kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'ratza vanu, v'Shabbat kod-
 sho b'ahava uv-ratzon hinchilanu, zikaron l'Ma-asei
 v'reisheet, Ki hu yom t'chila l'mikra-ei kodesh, zecher
 litziyat mitzrayim, Ki vanu vacharta v-otanu kidashta
 mikol ha-amim, v'Shabbat kodsh'cha b'ahava uv-ratzon
 hinchaltanu. Baruch Ata Adonai, m'kadesh haShabbat.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
 Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
 Who hallows us with Mitzvot and takes delight in us. In
 God's love and favor God has made the holy Sabbath
 our heritage, as a reminder of the work of creation. It is
 first among our sacred days, and a remembrance of the
 Exodus from Egypt.

O God, You have chosen us and set us apart from all the
 peoples, and in love and favor have given us the Sabbath
 day as a sacred inheritance. Blessed is the Eternal, for
 the Sabbath and its holiness.

בוֹאֵי בְּשָׁלוֹם, עֲטֹרַת בְּעֵלָהּ, גַּם בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְצִהְלָה,
 תּוֹךְ אֲמוּנֵי עַם סִגְלָה. בּוֹאֵי כָּלָה! בּוֹאֵי כָּלָה!
 לְכֶה...
 לְכֶה...

Bo-i ve-sha-lom, a-te-ret ba-a-la;
 gam be-sim-cha u-ve-tso-ho-la.
 toch e-mu-nei am se-gu-la
 bo-i cha-la! bo-i cha-la! Le-cha do-di . . .

Enter in peace, O crown of your husband; enter in glad-
 ness, enter in joy. Come to the people that keeps its faith.
 Enter O bride! Enter, O bride!
 Beloved . . .

HADLAKAT NEROT

(BLESSING OVER THE SHABBAT CANDLES)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
 אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
 asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav
 v'tzivanu L'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

Blessed is the Eternal our God. Ruler of the universe, by
 Whose Mitzvot we are hallowed, Who commands us to
 kindle the lights of Shabbat.

KIDDUSH

(BLESSING OVER THE WINE)

“Six days shall you labor and do all your work, but the
 seventh day is consecrated to the Eternal your God.”

LECHA DODI

לְכֵה דוּדֵי לְקִרְאֵת כְּלָה, פְּנֵי שַׁבַּת נִקְבְּלָה.

Le-cha do-di lik-rat ka-la, pe-nei Sha-bat ne-ka-be-la.

Beloved, come to meet the bride; beloved, come to greet Shabbat.

”שְׁמוֹר” וְ”זְכוֹר”, בְּדַבּוּר אֶחָד, הַשְּׁמִיעֵנוּ אֶל הַמִּצְוָה.
 יְיָ אֶחָד וְשֵׁמוֹ אֶחָד, לְשֵׁם וּלְתִפְאַרֶת וּלְתִהְלָה.
 לְכֵה...

Sha-mor ve-za-chor be-di-bur e-chad,
 hish-mi-a-nu Eil ha-me-yu-chad.
 A-do-nai e-chad u-she-mo e-chad,
 le-sheim u-le-tif-e-ret ve-li-te-hi-la.
 Le-cha do-di . . .

“Keep” and “Remember”: a single command the Only God caused us to hear; the Eternal is One, His name is One; His are honor and glory and praise.
 Beloved . . .

הִתְעוֹרְרִי, הִתְעוֹרְרִי, כִּי בָּא אוֹרְךָ קוֹמִי אוֹרִי, עוֹרִי עוֹרִי,
 שִׁיר דְּבָרֶיךָ; כְּבוֹד יְיָ עֲלֶיךָ נִגְלָה.
 לְכֵה...

Hit-o-re-ri, hit-o-re-ri, ki va o-reich! ku-mi, o-ri,
 u-ri u-ri, shir da-bei-ri;
 ke-vod A-do-nai a-la-yich nig-la. Le-cha do-di . . .

Awake, awake, your light has come! Arise, shine, awake and sing;
 the Eternal's glory dawns upon you.
 Beloved . . .

God, thank You for every gift You have given me these past days. As I go home, make me a special gift to my family and friends. AMEN

WELCOMING SHABBAT

Sing

SHALOM ALEICHEM

Sha-lom a-lei-chem,
mal-a-chei ha-sha-reit
mal-a-chei El-yon,
mi-me-lech ma-le-chei
ha-me-la-chim,
ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.

Bo-a-chem le-sha-lom,
mal-a-chei ha-sha-lom,
mal-a-chei El-yon,
mi-me-lech ma-le-chei
ha-me-la-chim,
ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.

Ba-re-chu-ni le-sha-lom,
mal-a-chei ha-sha-lom,
mal-a-chei El-yon,
mi-me-lech ma-le-chei
ha-me-la-chim,
ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.

Tsei-te-chem le-sha-lom,
mal-a-chei ha-sha-lom,
mal-a-chei El-yon,
mi-me-lech ma-le-chei
ha-me-la-chim,
ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.

שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם

שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, מְלֹאכֵי הַשָּׂרֵת,
מְלֹאכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן,
מִמְלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים,
הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.
בּוֹאֲכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם, מְלֹאכֵי
הַשָּׁלוֹם,

מְלֹאכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן,
מִמְלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים,
הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.
בְּרַכּוּנִי לְשָׁלוֹם, מְלֹאכֵי
הַשָּׁלוֹם,

מְלֹאכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן,
מִמְלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים,
הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא,
צֵאתְכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם, מְלֹאכֵי
הַשָּׁלוֹם,

מְלֹאכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן,
מִמְלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים,
הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.

DAY NINE

Almighty God, give me grace to keep the solemn Oath which I have made. Teach me to speak and do the truth, and to shun all that is false in speech and deed. Help me to carry out cheerfully our daily tasks, and to do the good that lies near to hand. Make me thoughtful for others and teach me the meaning of true friendship. Forgive me the wrong I have done, and give strength to resist all temptation; and when things go ill, grant that I may turn to You a trustful heart and to the world a smiling face. Help me to be a true Scout, and make me strong to follow You through all life's way. Remind me, God, to thank the leaders of my crew for the encouragement they have given me. AMEN

DAY TEN

We have come to the end of our time at camp. Do you feel good about having completed your trek? What do you think were your biggest accomplishments these past ten days?

Not all of your accomplishments have been physical ones. You have come to a better understanding of yourself and of your fellow crew members. You have grown in your appreciation of God's land and God's gifts to you in nature and in friendships.

Now it is time to look homeward and to family and friends there. You have matured. You are now an even greater and finer gift to them.

What do you want to do for your family when you get home? Your friends?

Israel gave birth in time to other religions that have brought many to God but our responsibility continues, for our mission remains unfulfilled. It will continue until the earth is full of the knowledge of God as the sea-bed is covered by water.

O God of Israel, teach me to be worthy of the name of Jew. May I do nothing to disgrace it. May my every act bring honor to my faith and glory to Your name. May I understand my responsibility as a Jew, to continue the task begun by earlier generations of my people who achieved greatness by their faith in the mission to which You had called them: to serve in Your name, to bring light and blessing to all the families of the earth. AMEN

DAY EIGHT

Hallelujah.

Praise God in His sanctuary;

praise Him in the sky, His stronghold.

Praise Him for His mighty acts;

praise Him for His exceeding greatness.

Praise Him with blasts of the horn;

praise Him with harp and lyre.

Praise Him with timbrel and dance;

praise Him with lute and pipe.

Praise Him with resounding cymbals;

praise Him with loud-clashing cymbals.

Let all that breathes praise the Lord.

Hallelujah.

Psalm 150

mortal man that You have taken note of him,
 that You have made him little less than divine,
 and adorned him with glory and majesty;
 You have made him master over Your handiwork,
 laying the world at his feet,
 sheep and oxen, all of them,
 and wild beasts, too;
 the birds of the heavens, the fish of the sea,
 whatever travels the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name
 throughout the earth!

Psalms 8

DAY SEVEN

Ma tovu ohalecha Ya-akov
 Mishk'notecha Yisrael

מֵה־טֹבוֹ אֹהֲלֶיךָ יַעֲקֹב
 מִשְׁכְּנֹתֶיךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

How goodly are your tents, O Jacob,
 your dwelling places, O Israel.

The sense of being chosen impressed itself deeply on the soul of our people. And yet they did not consider themselves superior to other nations, for they knew that all humans are God's children. It was not their lineage but the possession of Torah that made them a choice people. For centuries they stood alone in upholding divine truth and the way of Torah in a world steeped in ignorance, superstition, and cruelty. Yet they always believed that others, too, might be chosen, if only they would choose the way of God.

Only one privilege did they claim, that of serving God and God's truth. And with that privilege came an exacting responsibility: "You of all the families of the earth, have known Me best; therefore I will hold you all the more accountable for your iniquities."

The judgments of the Lord are true,
 righteous altogether,
 more desirable than gold,
 than much fine gold;
 sweeter than honey,
 than drippings of the comb.
 Your servant pays them heed;
 in obeying them there is much reward.
 Who can be aware of errors?
 Clear me of unperceived guilt,
 and from willful sins keep Your servant;
 let them not dominate me;
 then shall I be blameless
 and clear of grave offense.
 May the words of my mouth
 and the prayer of my heart
 be acceptable to You,
 O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 19

DAY SIX

For the leader; on the gittith. A psalm of David.

O Lord, our Lord,
 How majestic is Your name throughout the earth,
 You who have covered the heavens with Your
 splendor!
 From the mouths of infants and sucklings
 You have founded strength on account of Your foes,
 to put an end to enemy and avenger.
 When I behold Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
 the moon and stars that You set in place,
 what is man that You have been mindful of him,

And God said: "This is a beautiful world that I have given you. Take care of it; do not ruin it."

How can I take good care of my country and my world?
O God, guide me as I strive to take good care of Your
creation. AMEN.

DAY FIVE

For the leader. A psalm of David.

The heavens declare the glory of God,
the sky proclaims His handiwork.

Day to day makes utterance,
night to night speaks out.

There is no utterance,
there are no words,
whose sound goes unheard.

Their voice carries throughout the earth,
their words to the end of the world.

He placed in them a tent for the sun,
who is like a groom coming forth from the chamber,
like a hero, eager to run his course.

His rising-place is at one end of heaven,
and his circuit reaches the other;
nothing escapes his heat.

The teaching of the Lord is perfect,
renewing life;
the decrees of the Lord are enduring,
making the simple wise;

The precepts of the Lord are just,
rejoicing the heart;
the instruction of the Lord is lucid,
making the eyes light up.

The fear of the Lord is pure,
abiding forever;

DAY THREE

A song for ascents.

I turn my eyes to the mountains;
 from where will my help come?
 My help comes from the Lord,
 maker of heaven and earth.
 He will not let your foot give way;
 your guardian will not slumber.
 See, the guardian of Israel
 neither slumbers nor sleeps!
 The Lord is your guardian,
 the Lord is your protection
 at your right hand.
 By day the sun will not strike you,
 nor the moon by night.
 The Lord will guard you from all harm;
 He will guard your life.
 The Lord will guard your going and coming
 now and forever.

Psalm 121

DAY FOUR

Oh, how wonderful are the nights! The many stars seem closer than ever. This land, is so beautiful. The day was a tough one, but so worth it. Thank you, God, for making it possible. Remind me, as I hike and look at the awesome view, that this is Your gift to us.

“And God saw everything that had been created, and found it very good.”

DAY TWO

“Even those who are young grow weak; young people can fall exhausted. But those who trust in God will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles. They will run and not get weary. They will walk and not grow weak.” (Isaiah 40:30-31)

Have you seen an eagle on the trail yet? We can learn from eagles and from much in nature.

One day a fisherman watched as a mother eagle dropped a young eaglet into the canyon below. The eaglet plummeted and fluttered. It appeared that it was about to be dashed to its death on the rocks below, when out of the sky plunged the father eagle and caught his offspring on his broad back. Then he flew up high and dropped the young one. This time the mother caught the little one on her back. The routine was repeated until the little eaglet learned to fly.

God gives us opportunities to try our wings so that we might learn to fly on our own. This experience is one of these learning and growing opportunities.

Dear God, when I grow weary, lift me up on Your wings. Give me the courage and strength I need for tomorrow.
AMEN.

MEDITATIONS FOR EACH DAY

DAY ONE

God be praised, now and forever,
for giving us minds to understand Your teachings.

God be praised, now and forever,
for hands that lift up those who fall.

God be praised, now and forever,
for ears that hear the cry of those who need help.

God be praised, now and forever,
for hearts that care about the needs of others.

God be praised, now and forever,
for eyes that see the beauty of earth and sky.

God be praised, now and forever,
for the new day and this new journey.

We praise God for all that is good, true,
and beautiful in our lives.

Dear God, thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be here. Give me the strength to endure, the wisdom to enjoy each moment, and the courage to push myself further than I ever have before. Bless my crew and its leaders as we begin our journey through Your majestic outdoors. AMEN.

ADON OLAM

אדון עולם

A-don o-lam, a-sher ma-lach אָדוֹן עוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר מֶלֶךְ
 be-te-rem kol ye-tsir niv-ra, בְּטָרֵם כָּל־יְצִיר נִבְרָא,
 le-eit na-a-sa ve-chef-tso kol, לַעַת נַעֲשֶׂה בְּחַפְצוֹ כָּל,
 a-zai me-lech she-mo nik-ra. אֲזִי מֶלֶךְ שְׁמוֹ נִקְרָא.
 Ve-a-cha-rei ki-che-lot ha-kol, וְאַחֲרַי כְּכֹלֹת הַכֹּל,
 le-va-do yim-loch no-ra, לְבַדּוֹ יִמְלֹךְ נוֹרָא,
 ve-hu ha-ya, ve-hu ho-veh, וְהוּא הָיָה, וְהוּא הוֹוֶה,
 ve-hu yi-he-yeh be-tif-a-ra. וְהוּא יִהְיֶה בְּתִפְאַרְה.
 Ve-hu e-chad, ve ein shei ni וְהוּא אֶחָד, וְאֵין שְׁנֵי
 le ham shil lo, le-hach-bi-ra, לְהַמְשִׁיל לוֹ, לְהַחֲבִירָה,
 be-li rei-sheet, be-li tach-lit, בְּלִי רֵאשִׁית, בְּלִי תַכְלִית,
 ve-lo ha-oz ve-ha-mis-ra. וְלוֹ הָעֹז וְהַמְשָׁרָה.
 Ve-hu Ei-li, ve-chai go-a-li, וְהוּא אֵלִי, וְחַי גּוֹאֲלִי,
 ve-tsur chev-li be-eit tsa-ra, וְצוּר חֲבְלֵי בְעֵת צָרָה,
 ve-hu ni-si u-ma-nos li, וְהוּא נְסִי וּמְנוֹס לִי,
 me-nat ko-si be-yom ek-ra. מְנַת כּוֹסֵי בְיוֹם אֶקְרָא.
 Be-ya-do af-kid ru-chi בְּיָדוֹ אֶפְקִיד רוּחִי
 be-eit i-shan ve-a-i-ra, בְּעֵת אִישׁוֹן וְאַעִירָה,
 ve-im-ru-chi ge-vi-ya-ti: וְעַם־רוּחִי גְוִיָּתִי:
 A-do-nai li, ve-lo i-ra. יְיָ לִי, וְלֹא אִירָא.

Ye-hei she-la-ma ra-ba min she-ma-ya ve-cha-yim a-lei-
nu ve-al kol Yis-ra-eil,

ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

O-seh sha-lom bi-me-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-lei-
nu ve-al kol

Yis-ra-eil, ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

May the Source of peace, send peace to all who mourn,
and comfort to all who are bereaved. AMEN

EIN KEILOHEINU

אין כאלהינו

Ein kei-lo-hei-nu, ein ka- do-nei-nu , אין כאלהינו, אין כַּאֲדוֹנָנוּ,

Ein ke-mal-kei-nu, ein ke- mo-shi-ei-nu. אין כַּמְלֵכָנוּ, אין כְּמוֹשִׁיעָנוּ.

Mi chei-lo-hei-nu? Mi cha- do-nei-nu? מי כאלהינו? מי כַּאֲדוֹנָנוּ?

Mi che-mal-kei-nu? Mi che- mo-shi-ei-nu? מי כַּמְלֵכָנוּ? מי כְּמוֹשִׁיעָנוּ?

No-deh lei-lo-hei-nu, no-deh la-do-nei-nu נוֹדֶה לְאֱלֹהֵינוּ, נוֹדֶה לְאֲדוֹנָנוּ,

no-deh le-mal-kei-nu, no-deh le-mo-shi-ei-nu נוֹדֶה לְמֶלֶכָנוּ, נוֹדֶה לְמוֹשִׁיעָנוּ.

Ba-ruch E-lo-hei-nu ba-ruch A-do-nei-nu , בָּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בָּרוּךְ אֲדוֹנָנוּ,

ba-ruch Mal-kei-nu ba-ruch Mo-shi-ei-nu בָּרוּךְ מֶלֶכָנוּ, בָּרוּךְ מוֹשִׁיעָנוּ.

A-ta hu E-lo-hei-nu אַתָּה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ,

a-ta hu A-do-nei-nu אַתָּה הוּא אֲדוֹנָנוּ,

A-ta hu Mal-kei-nu אַתָּה הוּא מֶלֶכֵנוּ,

a-ta hu Mo-shi-ei-nu אַתָּה הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

יתגדל ויתקדש שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעֲלָמָא דִּי-בְרָא כְרְעוּתָהּ,
 וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל-בֵּית
 יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעֲגָלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.
 יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרְךְ לְעַלְמֵי וּלְעַלְמֵי עֲלַמְיָא.
 יְתַבְרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא, וְיִתְהַדָּר
 וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקוּדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעֵלְא
 מִן-כָּל-בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא, תְּשַׁבְּחַתָּא וְנַחֲמַתָּא דְאִמְיָן
 בְּעֲלָמָא, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.
 יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן-שְׁמֵיָא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ
 וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.
 עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ
 וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

Yit-ga-dal ve-yit-ka-dash she-mei ra-ba be-al-ma di-ve-
ra chi-ru-tei

ve-yam-lich mal-chu-tei be-cha-yei-chon u-ve-yo-mei-
chon u-ve-cha-yei de-chol beit

Yis-ra-eil, ba-a-ga-la u-vi-ze-man ka-riv, ve-i-me-ru:
a-mein.

Ye-hei she-mei ra-ba me-va-rach le-a-lam u-le-al-mei
al-ma-ya.

Yit-ba-rach ve-yish-ta-bach, ve-yit-pa-ar ve-yit-ro-mam
ve-yit-na-sei, ve-yit-ha-dar

ve-yit-a-leh ve-yit-ha-lal she-mei de-ku-de-sha, be-rich
hu, le-ei-la min kol

bir-cha-ta ve-shi-ra-ta, tush-be-cha-ta ve-ne-che-ma-ta,
da-a-mi-ran be-al-ma,

ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

ALEINU

All Rise

עלינו

עֲלֵינוּ לְשַׁבַּח לְאֲדוֹן הַכֹּל, לְתֵית גְּדֻלָּה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית,
 שֶׁלֹּא עֲשָׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאָרְצוֹת, וְלֹא שָׁמְנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאֶדְ
 מָה; שֶׁלֹּא שָׂם חֶלְקֵנוּ בָּהֶם, וְגָרְלָנוּ כְּכֹל־הַמוֹנִם.
 וְאַנְחָנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים לְפָנֶי מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי
 בְּמַעַל וְעַל־הָאָרֶץ מִתְחַת, אֵין עוֹד. “
 וְנֹאמַר: ”וְהָיָה יְיָ לְמֶלֶךְ עַל־כָּל־הָאָרֶץ; בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִהְיֶה
 יְיָ אֶחָד וְשִׁמוֹ אֶחָד.”

A-lei-nu le-sha-bei-ach la-a-don ha-kol,
 la-teit ge-du-lah le-yo-tseir be-rei-sheet,
 she-lo a-sa-nu ke-go-yei ha-a-ra-tsot,
 ve-lo sa-ma-nu ke-mish-pe-chot ha-a-da-mah;
 she-lo sam chel-kei-nu ka-hem,
 ve-go-ra-lei-nu ke-chol ha-mo-nam.
 Va-a-nach-nu ko-re-im u-mish-ta-cha-vim u-mo-dim
 li-fe-nei me-lech ma-le-chei ha-me-la-chim,
 ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.

She'hu noteh shama-yim v'yosed aretz, u'moshav
 y'karo bashama-yim mi'ma-al u'sh'chinat uzo b'gov'hei
 m'romim. Hu Eloheinu ein od, emet Malkenu, efes
 zulato. Kakatuv b'torato, v'yadata ha-yom v'hashevota
 el l'vavecha, ki Adonai Hu ha'Elohim bashama-yim
 mi'ma-al, v'al ha-aretz mitachat, ein od.

Ve-ne-e-mar: “Ve-ha-ya A-do-nai le-me-lech
 al kol ha-a-rets: ba-yom ha-hu yi-he-yeh
 a-do-nai e-chad u-she-mo e-chad”

make the most of our Philmont experience by practicing the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law at all times. Amen.

Oseh shalom bim-romav hu עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא
ya-aseh shalom aleinu v'al יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל־
kol Yisrael, v'imru. Amen. יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ. אָמֵן.

May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and on all the world. And we say: Amen

Al sh'loscha d'varim ha-olam עַל שְׁלוֹשָׁה דְבָרִים הָעוֹלָם
omeid: Al ha-Torah v'al עוֹמֵד: עַל הַתּוֹרָה וְעַל
ha-avodah v'al g'milut הָעֲבוּדָה וְעַל גְּמִילוּת
chasadim. חֶסֶדִים.

The world stands on three things:

On the Torah, on divine service, and on deeds of loving kindness.

V'taheir libeinu l'ovd'cha וְטַהַר לִבֵּנוּ לְעַבְדְּךָ בְּאֵמֶת.
be-emet.

Purify our hearts to serve You sincerely.

Esa einai el heharim אֶשָּׂא עֵינַי אֶל הַהָרִים
Mei'ayin yavo ezri. מֵאֵין יָבוֹא עֲזָרִי.
Ezri mei-im Hashem עֲזָרִי מֵעַם ה'
Oseh shamayim va-aretz. עוֹשֶׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ.

I will lift my eyes to the hills
From where comes my help.
My help comes from Adonai
Who made heaven and earth.

For Sabbath Morning

יְשֻׁמְחוּ בְּמַלְכוּתְךָ שׁוֹמְרֵי שַׁבָּת וְקוֹרְאֵי עֲנֹג. עִם מְקַדְּשֵׁי
 שְׁבִיעִי, כָּלֵם יִשְׁבְּעוּ וְיִתְעַנְּגוּ מִטּוֹבְךָ. וּבְשִׁבְעֵי רְצִית
 בּוֹ וְקַדְּשֵׁתוּ, חֲמִידַת יָמִים אוֹתוֹ קָרָאתָ, זְכוֹר לְמַעֲשֵׂה
 בְּרֵאשִׁית.

Those who celebrate Shabbat rejoice in Your sovereignty, hallowing the seventh day, called it delight. All of them truly enjoy Your goodness. For it pleased You to sanctify the seventh day, calling it the most desirable day, a reminder of Creation.

For Sabbath Afternoon

You are One, Your name is One, and who is like Your people Israel, unique throughout the world? Singular splendor, crown of salvation, a day of rest and sanctity You have given to Your people. Abraham was glad, Isaac rejoiced, Jacob and his children found rest on this day, a rest reflecting Your lavish love and true faithfulness, in peace and tranquility, contentment and quietude, a perfect rest in which You delight. May Your children acknowledge You as their source of rest, and through their rest may they sanctify Your name.

READ TOGETHER

Ever-living God, we raise up our voices in thanksgiving for the blessings we enjoy. We are thankful for the consideration, kindness, and love of parents. Help us, O God, to be worthy of the opportunities we are given. May we always show appreciation for all the sacrifices made for our sake. Teach us to play fairly, to advance the cause of the oppressed and to lift the hands of the weak. Help us to express our thanksgiving, not only in words, but also with deeds of goodness and truth. Give us the wisdom to

Evening

אַתָּה קְדוֹשׁ וְשִׁמְךָ קְדוֹשׁ וְקְדוּשֵׁים בְּכָל-יּוֹם יְהַלְלוּךָ
סְלָה. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי הָאֵל הַקְּדוֹשׁ:

Eternal is Your might, O God, all life is Your gift; great is Your power to save!

With love You sustain the living, with great compassion give life to all. You send help to the falling and healing to the sick; You bring freedom to the captive and keep faith with those who sleep in the dust.

Who is like You, Master of Might? Who is Your equal, O God of life and death, Source of salvation? Blessed is the Eternal, the Source of life.

You are holy, Your name is holy, and Your holy ones praise you daily. Praised are You, O Eternal, the holy God.

For Friday Evening

אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, רְצֵה בְּמִנוּחֹתֵינוּ. קְדָשְׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ וְתֵן חֵלְקֵנוּ בְּתוֹרַתְךָ, שְׂבַעֲנוּ מְטוֹבֶךָ וְשִׁמְחֵנוּ
בִּישׁוּעֹתֶיךָ, וְטַהֵר לִבֵּנוּ לְעִבְדֶּךָ בְּאַמֶּת. וְהִנְחִילֵנוּ יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרַצוֹן שֶׁבֶת קְדֻשְׁךָ, וְיִנּוּחוּ בָּהּ יִשְׂרָאֵל
מִקְדָּשֵׁי שִׁמְךָ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת.

Our God and God of our ancestors, accept our Shabbat offering of rest. Add holiness to our lives and Your mitzvot and let Your Torah be our portion. Fill our lives with Your goodness, and gladden us with Your triumph. Cleanse our hearts and we shall serve You faithfully. Lovingly and willingly, Adonai our God, grant that we inherit Your holy gift of Shabbat forever, so that Your people Israel who hallow Your name will always find rest on this day. Praised are You, Adonai who hallows Shabbat.

Giver of loving kindness and Master of all things, You remember the faithfulness of our ancestors, and in love bring redemption to their children's children for the sake of Your name.

You are our Sovereign and our Help, our Savior and our Shield.

Blessed is the Eternal, the Shield of Abraham.

GOD'S POWER

גבורות

אַתָּה גְבוּר לְעוֹלָם, אֲדֹנָי, מַחִיָּה מֵתִים (הַכֹּל) אַתָּה, רַב
 לְהוֹשִׁיעַ.
 מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶסֶד, מַחִיָּה מֵתִים (הַכֹּל) בְּרַחֲמִים
 רַבִּים. סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים, וְרוֹפֵא חוֹלִים, וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים,
 וּמְקַיֵּם אֲמוּנָתוֹ לִישְׁנֵי עֶפְרַיִם.
 מִי כְמוֹךָ, בַּעַל גְּבוּרוֹת, וּמִי דוֹמֶה לָךְ, מְלֶכֶךְ מִמִּית
 וּמַחִיָּה וּמְצַמִּיחַ יְשׁוּעָה
 וְנֶאֱמָן אַתָּה לְהַחְיֹת מֵתִים (הַכֹּל). בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ,
 מַחִיָּה הַמֵּתִים (הַכֹּל).

A-ta gi-bor le-o-lam, A-do-nai, me-cha-yei mei-tim (ha-kol) a-ta, rav le-ho-shi-a.

Me-chal-kei cha-yim be-che-sed,
 me-cha-yei mei-tim (ha-kol) be-ra-cha-mim ra-bim.
 So-meich no-fe-lim, ve-ro-fei cho-lim,
 u-ma-tir a-su-rim, u-me-ka-yeim
 e-mu-na-to li-shei-nei a-far.

Mi cha-mo-cha, ba-al ge-vu-rot, u-mi do-meh lach,
 me-lech mei-mit u-me-cha-yeh u-mats-mi-ach ye-shu-a?

Ve-ne-e-man a-ta le-ha-cha-yot ha-kol.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai, me-cha-yei mei-tim (ha-kol).

AMIDA

All Rise

A-do-nai, se-fa-tai tif-tach, u-fi תפלה
ya-gid te-hi-la-te-cha. אֲדֹנָי, שְׁפֹתַי תִּפְתָּח, וּפִי
יְגִיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ.

Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare
Your glory.

GOD OF ALL GENERATIONS

אבות
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם,
אֱלֹהֵי
לְצַחַק וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב: הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל, הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל
עֲלִיוֹן.
גוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חֲסָדֵי אֲבוֹת,
וּמְבִיא
גוֹאֵל לְבָנֵי בְנֵיהֶם, לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ, בְּאַהֲבָה.
מְלַךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגֵּן. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, מֶגֶן אַבְרָהָם.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu vei-lo-hei
a-vo-tei-nu, E-lo-hei Av-ra-ham, E-lo-hei
Yits-chak, vei-lo-hei Ya-a-kov: ha-eil ha-ga-dol,
ha-gi-bor ve-ha-no-ra, Eil el-yon,

go-meil cha-sa-dim to-vim, ve-ko-nei ha-kol,
ve-zo-cheir cha-se-dei a-vot, u-mei-vi go-el
li-ve-nei ve-nei-hem, le-ma-an she-mo, be-a-ha-va.
Me-lech o-zeir u-mo-shi-a u-ma-gein.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai, ma-gein Av-ra-ham.

We praise You, Eternal our God and God of our ances-
tors: God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob: great,
mighty, and awesome God, most high.

u-ve-shoch-be-cha u-ve-ku-me-cha.

U-ke-shar-tam le-ot al ya-de-cha, ve-ha-yu le-to-ta-fot
bein ei-ne-cha

U-che-tav-tam al me-zu-zot bei-te-cha u-vish-a-re-cha.

You shall love Adonai your God with all your mind, with
all your strength, with all your being.

Set these words which I command you this day upon
your heart. Teach them faithfully to your children; speak
of them in your home and on your way, when you lie
down and when you rise up.

Bind them as a sign upon your hand; let them be a sym-
bol before your eyes; inscribe them on the doorposts of
your house, and on your gates.

Mi cha-mo-cha ba-ei-lim, מִי־כַמְכָּה בְּאֵלִים, יְיָ?
A-do-nai?

Mi ka-mo-cha, ne-dar מִי כַמְכָּה, נֶאֱדָר בְּקֹדֶשׁ,
ba-ko-desh,

no-ra te-hi-lot, o-sei fe-leh? נוֹרָא תְהִלַּת, עֹשֶׂה פְלֵאָה?

Who is like You, Eternal One, among
the gods that are worshipped?

Who is like You, Majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

שִׁירָה הַדְּשָׁה שֶׁבָּחוּ גְאוּלִים לְשִׁמְךָ עַל־שְׁפֹת הַיָּם; יַחַד
כָּלֵם הוֹדוּ וְהִמְלִיכוּ וְאָמְרוּ: "יְיָ יִמְלֶךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!"

As our ancestors trusted in You dear God, may we also
trust in your salvation.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, גֵּאֹל יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Have compassion upon us, O Source of mercy, and guide us to know and understand, learn and teach, observe and uphold with love all the teachings of Your Torah.

Enlighten us with Your Teaching, help us to hold fast to Your Mitzvot, and unite our hearts to love and revere Your name. Then shall we never be shamed, for we shall put our trust in You, the great, holy, and awesome One. We shall rejoice and be glad in Your salvation, for You, O God, are the Author of many deliverances. In love You have chosen us and drawn us near to You to serve You in faithfulness and to proclaim Your unity.

Blessed is the Eternal Who in love has chosen the people Israel for service.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד!

She-ma Yis-ra-eil A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, A-do-nai e-chad!

Hear, O Israel: the Eternal is our God, the Eternal is one!

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלַכּוֹתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!

Ba-ruch sheim ke vod mal-chu-to le o lam va ed!

Praised be God's glorious sovereignty for ever and ever!

וְאֶהְיֶה אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיךָ בְּכֹל-לְבָבְךָ וּבְכֹל-נַפְשְׁךָ
 וּבְכֹל-מְאֹדְךָ. וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ
 הַיּוֹם, עַל-לְבָבְךָ. וְשָׁנַנְתָּם לְבִנְיָדְךָ, וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָּם בְּשַׁבְּתְךָ
 בְּבֵיתְךָ, וּבְלִכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ, וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ.
 וְקִשְׁרָתָם לְאוֹת עַל-יְדֵיךָ, וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ,
 וְכִתְּבָתָם עַל-מְזוֹזוֹת בְּיַתְדְךָ, וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ.

Ve-a-hav-ta eit A-do-nai E-lo-he-cha, be-chol
 le-va-ve-cha, u-ve-chol naf-she-cha, u-ve-chol
 me-o-de-cha.

Ve-ha-yu ha-de-va-rim ha-ei-leh, a-sher a-no-chi
 me-tsa-ve-cha ha-yom, al le-va-ve-cha.

Ve-shi-nan-tam

le-va-ne-cha, ve-di-bar-ta bam be-shiv-te-cha
 be-vei-te-cha u-ve-lech-te-cha va-de-rech,

How manifold are Your works, O God; in wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creations.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בְּדַבְּרוֹ
 מַעְרִיב עֲרָבִים, בְּחֶכְמָה פּוֹתַח שְׁעָרִים, וּבִתְבוּנָה מְשַׁנֶּה
 עֲתָיִם, וּמַחְלִיף אֶת־הַזְּמַנִּים, וּמַסְדֵּר אֶת־הַכּוֹכָבִים
 בְּמִשְׁמְרוֹתֵיהֶם בְּרָקִיעַ כְּרַצוֹנוֹ. בּוֹרֵא יוֹם וְלַיְלָה, גּוֹלֵל
 אוֹר מִפְּנֵי חֹשֶׁךְ וְחֹשֶׁךְ מִפְּנֵי אוֹר, וּמַעְבִּיר יוֹם וּמְבִיא
 לַיְלָה, וּמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לַיְלָה, יי צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ. אֵל
 חַי וְקַיִם, תָּמִיד יִמְלוֹךְ עָלֵינוּ, לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
 בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, הַמַּעְרִיב עֲרָבִים.

Praised be the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, whose word brings the evening dusk. You open the gates of dawn with wisdom, change the day's divisions with understanding, set the succession of seasons and arrange the stars in the sky according to Your will. You create day and night, rolling light away from darkness and darkness away from light. Eternal God, Your rule shall embrace us forever. Praised are You, God, for each evening's dusk.

אֶהְבֵּת עוֹלָם בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמָּךְ אֶהְבֵּת: תּוֹרָה וּמִצְוֹת,
 חֻקִּים וּמִשְׁפָּטִים אוֹתָנוּ לַמִּדָּת.
 עַל־כֵּן, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּשִׂכְכֵנוּ וּבִקְוִימוֹנוּ נִשְׁיַח בְּחֻקֶיךָ,
 וְנִשְׁמַח בְּדַבְּרֵי תוֹרַתְךָ וּבְמִצְוֹתֶיךָ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
 כִּי הֵם חַיֵּינוּ וְאַרְךְ יָמֵינוּ, וּבָהֶם נִהְגָּה יוֹמָם וְלַיְלָה.
 וְאֶהְבֵּתְךָ אֶל־תִּסִּיר מִמֶּנּוּ לְעוֹלָמִים! בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי,
 אוֹהֵב עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Deep is Your love for us, O Eternal our God, and great is Your compassion. Our Maker and Sovereign, our ancestors trusted You, and You taught them the laws of life: be gracious now to us, and teach us.

Your sovereignty is everlasting.
Your dominion endures for all generations.

God supports all who stumble,
and raises all who are bowed down.

All eyes look hopefully to You, to receive their food in
due time.

You open Your hand, and Your favor sustains all the
living.

In all His paths God is faithful; in all His deeds He is
loving.

God is near to all who call, to all who call upon Him in
truth.

God fulfills the desire of those who revere Him;
God hears their cry and delivers them.

All who love God He preserves, but all the wicked He
destroys.

My mouth shall praise God.
Let all flesh praise God's name throughout all time.

Psalm 145

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, יוֹצֵר אוֹר וּבּוֹרֵא חֹשֶׁךְ,
עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם וּבּוֹרֵא אֶת־הַכֹּל.

Praised be the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
who makes light and creates darkness, who ordains
peace and fashions all things.

With compassion God gives light to the earth and all who
dwell there; with goodness God renews the work of crea-
tion continually, day by day.

Blessed are they who dwell in Your house;
they shall praise You forever.

Psalm 84:5

Blessed the people who are so favored;
blessed the people whose God is the Lord.

Psalm 144:15

I glorify You, my God, my Sovereign; I praise You
throughout all time.

Every day do I praise You, exalting Your glory forever.

Great is God, and praiseworthy;
His greatness exceeds definition.

One generation lauds Your works to another,
declaring Your mighty deeds.

They tell of Your wonders, and of Your glorious splendor.

They speak of Your greatness, and of Your awesome
power.

They recall Your goodness; they sing of Your faithfulness.

Gracious and compassionate is God;
patient, and abounding in love.

God is good to all; His compassion embraces all.

All of Your creatures shall praise You;
the faithful shall repeatedly bless You.

They shall describe Your glorious sovereignty,
declaring Your power.

And people will know of Your might,
the splendor of Your dominion.

SING

Hi-nei ma-tov u-ma na-im הנה מה־טוב ומה־נעים
 she-vet a-chim gam ya- שֶׁבֶת אַחִים גַּם יַחַד.
 chad.

How good it is, and how pleasant, when brothers and sisters live together in unity.

אֲשֶׁרִי יוֹשְׁבֵי בֵיתְךָ, עוֹד יִהְלְלוּךָ סֵלָה.
 אֲשֶׁרִי הָעַם שֶׁכָּכָה לוֹ, אֲשֶׁרִי הָעַם שְׂיִהוּהוּ אֱלֹהֵיו.
 תְּהִלָּה לְדָוִד.
 אַרְוֹמְמֶךָ אֱלֹהֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ, וְאַבְרַכָּה שְׁמֶךָ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
 בְּכָל־יּוֹם אֲבָרְכֶךָ, וְאַהֲלִלָה שְׁמֶךָ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
 גְּדוֹל יְהוָה וּמְהֻלָּל מְאֹד, וְלִגְדַלְתּוֹ אֵין חֶקֶר.
 דּוֹר לְדוֹר יִשְׁבַח מַעֲשֶׂיךָ, וְגִבּוֹרֹתֶיךָ יִגִּידוּ.
 הַדָּר כְּבוֹד הַהוֹדָךְ, וְדַבְרֵי נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ אֲשִׁיחָה.
 וְעִזּוֹ נוֹרְאוֹתֶיךָ יֹאמְרוּ, וְגִדְלָתְךָ אֶסְפְּרָנָה.
 זָכַר רַב טוֹבְךָ יִבְיָעוּ, וְצִדְקָתְךָ יִרְנְנוּ.
 חֲנוּן וְרַחוּם יְהוָה, אַרְךָ אַפִּים וְגִדְל־חֶסֶד.
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DAILY WORSHIP SERVICE

O God, it is not easy to pray,
And yet I pray that these few moments
Will somehow bring me closer to You.

READ RESPONSIVELY OR TOGETHER

“The Torah is a tree of life to them that hold fast to it.”

Because a Scout is reverent, a Scout strives to be true to God, to study the Torah, and to live according to its commands.

“Seek the peace of the city and pray unto God for it; for in the peace of it shall you have peace.”

Because a Scout is reverent, a Scout is loyal to America and its ideals of religious liberty to all.

“All Jews are mindful of the well-being of one another.”

Because a Scout is reverent, a Scout is loyal to the Jewish people and is ready to help other Jews everywhere.

“Honor your father and your mother that your days may be long upon the land.”

Because a Scout is reverent, a Scout is a devoted and loyal son or daughter.

“Oh, how good it is, and how pleasant, for friends to dwell together in unity.”

Because a Scout is reverent, he or she strives to be a good Scout, a good Jew, and a good American at all times.

TIMES OF OBSERVANCE

Prayer during the Jewish day is divided into three major periods, and there are prayer services which correspond to each of these periods. Morning prayers (Shacharit) are recited from the predawn hour when one can differentiate color using natural light through the first half of the day. Afternoon prayers (Mincha) are recited from half-way through the day until sunset, and evening prayers (Maariv) are said from sunset until the rise of the morning star. Prayers are also recited whenever appropriate for experiencing natural wonders as well as for receiving nourishment. The Jewish Sabbath is observed from 18 minutes prior to sunset on Friday (candle-lighting time) until one hour after sunset on Saturday night.

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Credits:

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A SHORT ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN (see Hymns Section)

READING Psalm 95:1-7a
(Revised English Version [REV])

Come! Let us raise a joyful song to the Lord,
a shout of triumph to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and sing psalms of triumph to him.

For the Lord is a great God
a great King above all gods.
The depths of the earth are in his hands,
the peaks of the mountains belong to him;
the sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land which his hand fashioned.

Enter in! Let us bow down and worship,
let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God,
we the people he shepherds, the flock in his care.

PRAYER (Spoken by Leader; others may join in if group
prayer is consistent with their faith teachings)

God, our Father, we thank you for the beauty of
the earth, for the food we eat and for the com-
forts we enjoy. Help us to love others more, to be

concerned with the problems of our day, and to understand Your will in our actions. Grant us the strength to live wisely and well, to be worthy users of Your creation and ready and willing workers for the causes of goodness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:22–25 (Today's English Version [TEV])

“So let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water. Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep His promise. Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.”

MEDITATION / REFLECTION

[NOTE: You may read the meditation for this day from pages I-14 to I-29 or take a few moments for personal silent reflection. Some may choose to share their reflections with the group.]

PRAYERS OF THE ASSEMBLED

[NOTE: You may use the Trail Litany on page C-6, include spontaneous prayer from those assembled, or the Lord's Prayer. Announce that silent prayer also is appropriate for those whose faith teaches that prayer is a personal communication with God.]

HYMN (see Hymns Section)

BLESSING

May the Lord bless you, protect you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life. Amen.

A TRAIL LITANY

Leader: For silver on the sage, for starlit skies above, for aspen covered hills, for the country that I love,

All: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For wind in whispering pines, for eagles soaring high, for purple mountains rising against an azure sky,

All: We thank you, O Lord.

Leader: For friends who walk with me along the awesome trail, for those who share their care for me, especially when I fail,

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Leader: O Jesus, Who walked the trail with the Emmaus two, join us on our mountain trek the whole day through.

All: O Lord, abide with us.

Leader: As the sun rises over the tall lonesome pine, may your care and love for us in all our actions shine.

All: O Lord, walk with us along the trail. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[NOTE: Announce that this may be spoken or prayed silently according to the practices of one's faith.]

TRADITIONAL

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

MODERN

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP

(LITURGICAL)

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

KYRIE

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father.
Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, help us to remember that Christ our Savior lives with You in glory and that He promised to remain with us until the end of time. We ask You to hear our prayers and grant our needs through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

[NOTE: There are a number of options with respect to the scriptural readings and the litany. Please select the ones that are most beneficial to your attendees.]

The Walk to Emmaus Luke 24: 13-16, 25-34 (TEV)

On that same day, two of Jesus' followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. As they talked and discussed, Jesus Himself drew near and walked along with them; they saw Him, but somehow did not recognize Him.

Then Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said! Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter His glory?" And Jesus explained to them what was said about Himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets. As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther; but they held Him back, saying, "Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark." So he went in to stay with them. He sat down to eat with them, took the bread and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other,

“Wasn’t it like a fire burning in us when He talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?” They got up at once and went back to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven disciples gathered together with the other and said, “The Lord is risen indeed!”

Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3-9 (New Jerusalem Bible [NJB])

How blessed are the poor in spirit:

The kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Blessed are the gentle:

They shall have the earth as inheritance.

Blessed are those who mourn:

They shall be comforted.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for uprightness:

They shall have their fill.

Blessed are the merciful:

They shall have mercy shown towards them.

Blessed are the pure in heart:

They shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:

They shall be recognized as children of God.

Gifts and Service

I Corinthians 12:4-7 (NJB)

There are many gifts; but always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of swerving, but it is always the same Lord. There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same God who is at work in the all. The particular manifestation of the Spirit granted to each one is to be used for the general good.

Priorities
I Corinthians 12:31-13:8a (NJB)

Set your minds on the higher gifts. And now I am going to put before you the best way of all. Though I command languages both human and angelic—if I speak without love I am no more than a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. And though I have the power of prophesy, to penetrate all mysteries and knowledge, and though I have the faith necessary to move mountains—if I am without love, I am nothing. Though I should give away to the poor all I possess, and even give my body to be burned—if I am without love, it will do no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; love is never jealous; love is not boastful or conceited;

it is never rude and never seeks its own advantage, it does not take offense or store up grievance. Love does not rejoice in wrong doing, but it always finds joy in the truth. It is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope and endure what comes.

Love never comes to an end.

Forgiveness
Luke 6:36-38 (NJB)

Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap, because the standard you use will be the standard used for you.

RESPONSORY**(Psalm 100, Revised Standard Version (RSV))**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Lands!

Group One: Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!

Group Two: Know that the Lord is God!
It is He that made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Group One: Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him, bless His name!

Group Two: **For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all genera-
tions.**

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

MEDITATION

[NOTE: In this quiet moment, please feel free to share thoughts and prayers by breaking the silence.]

HYMN (See Hymns Section)

A TRAIL LITANY

- Leader:** For moonlight on the forests, for starlit skies above; for hills and streams for camping, for the country that I love,
- All:** We thank you, O Lord.
- Leader:** For wind in whispering pines, for eagles soaring high; for purple mountains rising against an azure sky,
- All:** We thank you, O Lord.
- Leader:** For friends who walk with me along the awesome trail; for those who share their care for me, especially when I fail,
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- All:** O Lord, abide with us.
- Leader:** As the sun rises over the quiet forest pines, may your care and love for us in all our actions shine.
- All:** O Lord, walk with us along the trail.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.
Amen.

SERVICE OF PRAISE

PRAISE OF THE CREATOR

Psalm 148 (spoken responsively)

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise Him in the heights above.

**Praise Him, sun and moon,
praise Him, all you shining stars.**

Praise Him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

**Let them praise the name of the Lord
for He commanded and they were created.**

He set them in place forever and ever;
He gave a decree that will never pass away.

**Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,**

lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do His bidding,

**you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,**

wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,

**kings of the earth and all nations
you princes and all rules on the earth,**

young men and maidens,
old men and children.

**Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for His name alone is exalted;
His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

He has raised up for His people a horn,
the praise of all His saints,
for all His people who are near to Him.

All: Praise the Lord!

HYMN (See Hymns Section)

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION

[NOTE: In this quiet moment, please feel free to share thoughts and prayers by breaking the silence.]

CLOSING HYMN (See Hymns Section)

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ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings.

(Refrain)

2. The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky.

(Refrain)

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AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a soul
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
fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first
believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have
 already come.
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will
 lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope
 secures.
 He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shin-
 ing as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we
 first begun.

John Newton, 1779
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BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of
 the Lord;
 He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of
 wrath are stored;
 He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible
 swift sword;
 His truth is marching on.

Chorus

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
 Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
 Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
 His truth is marching on.

2. I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred
 circling camps;
 They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews
 and damps;

I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and
flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never sound retreat.
He is sifting out the heart
Of men before His judgment seat.
Oh, be swift my soul to answer Him,
Be jubilant my feet.
Our God is marching on.

4. In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom
that transfigures you and me,
As he died to make men holy
let us live to make men free,
Our God is marching on.

Julia Ward Howe, 1861
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CALLED TO SERVE

Called to serve Him, heav'nly King of glory,
Chosen e'er to witness for his name,
Far and wide we tell the Father's story.
Far and wide his love proclaim.

Chorus

Onward, ever onward,
as we glory in his name;
Onward, ever onward,
as we glory in his name;
Forward, pressing forward,
as a triumph song we sing.

God our strength will be;
 press forward ever,
 Called to serve our King.

Called to know the richness of his blessing—
 Sons and daughters, children of a King—
 Glad of heart, his holy name confessing,
 Praises unto him we bring.

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COME, COME YE SAINTS

Come, come, ye Saints, no toil nor labor fear,
 But with joy wend your way;
 Tho' hard to you this journey may appear,
 Grace shall be as your day.
 'Tis better far for us to strive,
 Our useless cares from us to drive;
 Do this, and joy your hearts will swell—
 All is well! All is well!

Why should we mourn, or think our lot is hard?
 'Tis not so; All is right!
 Why should we think to earn a great reward,
 If we now shun the fight?
 Gird up your loins, fresh courage take,
 Our God will never us forsake
 And soon we'll have this truth to tell—
 All is well! All is well!

William Clayton, 1846; J. T. White, 1944
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COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

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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 soul's 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 is brighter, Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Munster Gesangbuch, 1677; Joseph August Seiss, 1873
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GOD OF OUR FATHERS, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND

God of our fathers,
whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty
all the starry band
Of shining worlds
in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs
before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine
hath led us in the past;
In this free land
by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our Ruler,
Guardian, Guide, and Stay;
Thy Word our law,
thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms,
from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm
our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion
in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness
nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people
on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night
to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives
with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud,
and praise be ever thine.

Daniel C. Roberts, 1876
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GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain:

Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin!

2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

(Refrain)

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
brighter than snow you may be today.

(Refrain)

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see his face,
will you this moment his grace receive?

(Refrain)

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HOW GREAT THE WISDOM AND THE LOVE

How great the wisdom and the love
That filled the courts on high
And sent the Savior from above
To suffer, bleed, and die!

He marked the path and led the way,
And every point defines
To light and life and endless day
Where God's full presence shines.

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JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

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MOUNTAIN HYMN
(To the tune of "*Ode to Joy*")

As we walk within your canyons
Give us peace and strength, O Lord.
Give us courage to continue
By Your good and gracious word.
As we see Your world around us,
Help us recognize Your hand.
Let us keep and love it ever
Wondrous wilderness, this land.

As we stand upon these mountains,
Help us treasure all our days
Time we spent with You in wonder;
Hear us as we sing your praise.
Hear our prayers, accept our singing
As we lift our voices high.
Thank You, Lord, for Your creation
For we know that You are nigh!

Lyrics by Gordon Gross

MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE

My country, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
 and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
 let mortal tongues awake;
 let all that breathe partake;
 let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee,
 author of liberty, to thee we sing;
 long may our land be bright
 with freedom's holy light;
 protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

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NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God,
 with heart and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things has done,
 in Whom this world rejoices;
 Who from our mothers' arms
 has blessed us on our way
 With countless gifts of love,
 and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
 through all our life be near us,
 with ever joyful hearts
 and blessed peace to cheer us;
 and keep us still in grace,
 and guide us when perplexed;
 and free us from all ills,
 in this world and the next.

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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.

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

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the
rising sun.

Isaac Watts, 1719
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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land by everyone.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord.
And truth eternal is Thy Word;
Thy name shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Thomas Ken, 1674; Isaac Watts, 1781
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THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest
is won;

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with
thee. Amen.

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THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before Him!
Keep silence! Keep silence! Keep silence
before Him.

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THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning 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 ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That thought the wrong seems oft so strong.
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done,
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one. Amen.

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
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WE GATHER TOGETHER

We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name,
he forgets not his own.

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INTERFAITH

INTERFAITH SERVICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare
Your glory.

OPENING SONG

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.

Katharine Lee Bates, 1904
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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

(New Jerusalem Bible)

Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name throughout the world!

Whoever keeps singing of your majesty higher than
the heavens,

Even through the mouths of children, or of babes in
arms,

You make him a fortress, firm against your foes,
to subdue the enemy and the rebel.

I look up at your heavens, shaped by your fingers,
at the moon and the stars you set firm—

What are human beings that you spare a thought
for them,

Or the child of Adam that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god,

You have crowned him with glory and beauty,

Made him lord of the works of your hands,
put all things under his feet,

Sheep and cattle, all of them, and even the wild beasts,
birds in the sky, fish in the sea,

When he makes his way across the ocean.

Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name
throughout the world!

RESPONSIVE READING

“On My Honor” by Dr. Carroll Osburn, 1997

(L = Leader; A = All)

L: ON MY HONOR

A: Almighty God, keep us always mindful that our honor is a possession to be cherished as dearly as life itself. Endow us with firmness of purpose and uncommon integrity that will enable us to fulfill those responsibilities with which we are charged. Make us ever conscious of the trust others have placed in us as Scouts.

L: TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD

A: Creator of the universe, how often we forget the true source of life’s joys and pleasures. How often, too, have we failed to remember the origin of the inward strength which has enabled us to be aware of Your continual presence in our daily lives. Help us to understand the more meaningful rewards of service in Your name.

L: AND MY COUNTRY

A: We thank Thee, Almighty God, for the privilege of living in a country such as the United States of America. Keep foremost in our minds that the freedoms which we enjoy were bought through the unselfish sacrifices of those who have gone before us. As the strength of a country is in her people, let us never avoid our responsibility to maintain this nation as a beacon of hope and freedom to all mankind.

L: AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW

A: Heavenly Father, accept the heartfelt thanks of us Scouts and Scouters for such men of vision and leadership as Robert Baden-Powell, William Boyce, James West, and Waite Phillips, who donated this Philmont Scout Ranch to the Boy Scouts of America. Keep always before us the ideals which they set forth, and grant us the courage to live by them when others may not. Allow us never to forget that our actions may be the examples others choose to follow.

L: TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES

A: Grant us forgiveness, Patient Lord, when we place the insignificant wants in our lives above the necessities in others' lives. Teach us to recognize and understand the problems facing others and prepare us for each day's task of helping others.

L: TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWAKE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT

A: God of our ancestors, let us never forget that our bodies and minds are but temporary gifts from Thee. Help us to preserve, strengthen, and use them for the betterment of our world. May our thoughts and actions be directed toward more meaningful service in Your name. Amen.

MEDITATION AND SHARING

Take a few moments now for personal silent reflection about how God works in creation and in your personal life. You may wish to share these reflections with other attendees.

RESPONSIVE READING

“Scout Law”

Scout: A Scout is Trustworthy.

Leader: Character is what makes a man; and reputation is what people think about him. A young person of character is worthy of trust. No one is worthy of trust who does not recognize his dignity and the dignity of all people as children of God.

Scout: A Scout is Loyal.

Leader: Because our first loyalty is to God, a Scout is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due—his parents, his place of worship, and his country.

Scout: A Scout is Helpful.

Leader: Many faiths teach that the good turn we do for others will be considered as service to their God. Our motive or reason for being helpful is that we see God in everyone. The entire Scouting movement gives us an opportunity to be helpful.

Scout: A Scout is Friendly.

Leader: All humankind are brothers and sisters. Recognizing this, a Scout should be a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout.

Scout: A Scout is Courteous.

Leader: A Scout respects everyone. The meaning of love as a Scout should be taken from the words, “I have not come to be served, but to serve.”

Scout: A Scout is Kind.

Leader: A Scout respects other living creatures, never abusing or mistreating.

Scout: **A Scout is Obedient.**

Leader: A Scout should obey, not because he has to, but because the one leading is someone in authority, and is right in doing so. Victory comes from obedience to all in authority so long as they deserve our obedience.

Scout: **A Scout is Cheerful.**

Leader: A Scout will have joy in his heart and manifest it outwardly by his cheerful manner.

Scout: **A Scout is Thrifty.**

Leader: By being thrifty, we are taught self-respect, making us unwilling to be a burden to others. Far from being a burden, through thrift we are able to help others. A Scout also is deeply concerned with preserving our natural resources.

Scout: **A Scout is Brave.**

Leader: A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has courage to stand for what he thinks is right, even if others scorn him.

Scout: **A Scout is Clean.**

Leader: A Scout keeps clean in body and thought; he stands for clean speech, clean sport, and clean habits; and he travels with a clean crowd.

Scout: **A Scout is Reverent.**

Leader: A Scout is reverent to God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the conviction of others in matters of custom and religion.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Leader: Let us pray together.

Our God and God of our ancestors, we ask Your blessing upon our country, on the leaders of our nation, and on all who exercise rightful authority in our community.

Unite the inhabitants of our country, whatever their origin and creed, into a bond of true friendship, to banish hatred and bigotry, and to safeguard our ideals and institutions of freedom.

May this land under Your providence be an instrument for peace throughout the world. AMEN

OR

PRAYER OF THANKS

Leader: Let us pray together.

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 the 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's a great day! AMEN

OR

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt,
true faith in you.

Refrain

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness
ever joy.
3. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're
born to eternal life.

CLOSING SONG

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 oceans, white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home,
God bless America, my home sweet home.

Irving Berlin, 1938

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OR

DAY IS DONE

Day is done, Gone the sun, From the lake,
From the hills, From the sky,
All is well, Safely rest, God is nigh.

Thanks and praise, For our days
'Neath the sun, 'Neath the stars, 'Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know, God is nigh.

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
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CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, be thou within us, to strengthen us; without us, to keep us; above us, to protect us; beneath us, to uphold us; before us, to direct us; behind us, to keep us from straying; round about us, to defend us.

OR

May God bless us and protect us;
May God show us favor and be gracious to us;
May God show us kindness and grant us peace.
AMEN

TABLE PRAYERS

IN THE MORNING

For these gifts of food, and for your care day by day, we thank you, O God.

We thank you, God, for your care through the night and for this new day. Guide us through this new day and, at the close of the day, may we give you thanks for all we've seen and done.

Dear Lord, we give you thanks for all the blessings you give to us, including this meal. Throughout this day, and always, show us how to serve you by serving others.

AT NOON

For this noonday meal, we are thankful, and we give you praise. Walk with us and continue to keep us safe in all our activities.

O God, help us to see the wonderful things in the earth, sea and sky that are gifts of your love. May this food that we are about to eat, and all your other blessings, help us better to serve you.

As the day goes by, Lord, we thank you for this food and all we need for life that comes from your generosity. Bless these gifts for our use and us for lives of humble service.

IN THE EVENING

O God, we thank you for this evening meal. As you have remembered us throughout this day, help us to remember You, so that we may know and do your will.

Lord, give us cheerfulness and courage to take up the journey of life that is set before us. Inspire us so that

however humble or hard the task before us, we may do it with faithfulness and greatness of heart. Be with us in the fellowship and conversation of this meal.

PRAYERS FOR ANY MEAL

God is great, God is good;
and we thank him for our food.

Be present at our table Lord. Be here and everywhere adored. Through your mercy, bless us and grant that we may be strengthened for service.

PHILMONT MEAL PRAYER

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

SEA BASE MEAL PRAYER

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

WILDERNESS MEAL PRAYER

For food, for raiment,
For life and opportunity,
For sun and rain,
For water and portage trails,
For friendship and fellowship,
We thank thee, O Lord. Amen.

MEETING INVOCATIONS AND CLOSING PRAYER

INVOCATIONS

God, be with us during this meeting that all we say and do may be meaningful in your sight. Amen

Lord, we thank you for bringing us safely to this place. Throughout our time together, help us to understand that, as we serve one another, we also are serving you. Amen

O God, be with us as we meet. We have many issues to discuss and decide. Guide us in our deliberations that your will may be done. Amen

CLOSING PRAYER

May the Great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us 'til we meet again. Amen

Dear God, bless us as we leave this place. Guide us and keep us safe on our homeward way. Amen

May the God of Peace bless and keep you. Amen

INTERFAITH DEVOTIONS

NOTE: The following 14 devotions were written by Fr. William Hibbert to encourage Scouts in their Duty to God while at camp. These devotions are written from an Interfaith perspective for a troop setting.

FINDING GOD IN CAMP

Whether this is your first time at summer camp or whether you have been to camp several times before, you have been anticipating this a long time. And now you are here. New sights, new sounds, new smells surround you. Every day will bring a new discovery about God, about yourself, about your relationship with your fellow Scouts, and about God's magnificent creation.

In the midst of all the other exciting activities, you can also make this a time to live fully the twelfth point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Reverent. Reverent not just on the Sabbath or Holy Day of your faith (whether that day is Friday, Saturday, or Sunday) but every day. God will be your Counselor, your Guide, your Strength, and your Friend here at camp, as God is at all times in your life. The amazing and wonderful marvels of God's creation help you to know God better at camp, perhaps more than at any other time. Look up at the sky, day and night, and to the land and the waters. Nature reveals the enormity and power of God. See how things fit together by design and for a purpose so perfectly in God's creation from the tiniest to the grandest forms of life. Remember, "God doesn't make junk." God loves you and cares about you so much that even if you were the only person on the face of the earth, God still would have created this earth just for you.

PRAYER: Thank you, God, for this opportunity to be at camp. May it bring me the right balance of challenge and reward. May I give to it my best efforts and may you bless me as I do. Amen

RESOURCES THAT ORIENT THE COMPASS OF LIFE

One requirement for advancement in Scouting is to learn how a compass works and how to orient a compass to find a direction for travel. It also requires a Scout to learn how to read a topographical map with all its colors, lines, and symbols and to use a map and compass together to complete a hike or bicycle trip without getting lost. These orienteering skills will help give you some of the best Scouting experiences you can enjoy.

What are some other “maps” that help us orient our direction in life? The Scout Oath and the Scout Law are among those “maps” with which we are most familiar. So are our families, friends, teachers and coaches, and religious leaders. But best of all are the sacred scriptures and sacred writings of our faith traditions. It is here that we find the teachings that give us guidance and direction for the journey of life so we can live life as fully as possible. The sacred writings of most of our faith traditions tell us that God is personal, loving, and just and wants to have a personal relationship with us. In almost every faith tradition is found the teaching that we know as “The Golden Rule,” which says that we should do to and for others what we expect others to do to and for us. Our scriptures and sacred writings are the compass, the map, the chart, and the guide for us to draw near to God. You are encouraged to use them as a daily reminder of your promise as a Scout to strive to live the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

PRAYER: Thank you, God, for giving me many ways to know your will for my life. Give me the wisdom to follow you. Amen.

PERSEVERANCE

There's a common saying, "Every journey begins with one step." We can also say, "Every endeavor (or journey) continues with one more step." Someone once said that "great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance." Can you think of times in your own life when this has been true, when you've accomplished a task or project simply because you refused to give up when it would have been much easier to quit than to continue?

Many times when life seems to be an ordeal we can make it into an adventure by our attitude, by how we inspire others to take "one more step" toward reaching the goal or finish line. Every day life holds the risk of sidetracking us from what we set out to accomplish. In Scouting, perseverance may involve doing the requirements to reach the next rank, staying the course when the weather turns bad, or finishing a competitive game when we know we cannot come in first place. What other examples can you think of in your Scouting experience and in your life? No matter how great the distraction, we can finish the course if we stay focused and keep going and give it our Scouting best. God will help us do that if we daily make an effort to know that God is with us. Sometimes experiencing that through the examples of our friends and leaders, even more than through our own efforts, helps us keep focused on what is truly important.

PRAYER: God, give me the strength to endure, the wisdom to enjoy each moment, and the courage to push myself further than I ever have before. Amen. [From the *Boy Scout High Adventure Base Worship Booklets*]

THE TRULY WONDERFUL THINGS OF LIFE

A story is told about a teacher who had her students write down what they thought were the present “seven wonders of the world.” Many different ideas were presented, but among those most often mentioned were the great pyramids in Egypt, the Taj Mahal in India, the Grand Canyon, the Panama Canal, and the Great Wall in China.

One student was having trouble with the assignment, so the teacher asked her to read her list. She said, “I’m having trouble because there are so many.” She went on to say, “I think the seven wonders of the world are to see, to hear, to touch, to taste, to smell, to laugh, and to love.” She had discovered that the most precious things in life are not things that can be built with human hands or purchased at any price. The truly wondrous things of life are those things we overlook as simple and ordinary and take for granted.

All our senses are given by God to make us more human and fulfilled in our life in God’s creation. Laughing and loving are universal in their meaning among all peoples of the Earth. In what ways are you seeing, hearing, feeling, tasting, and smelling familiar things in new ways to expand your experience of God’s creation?

PRAYER: God, make my heart wide open to all the ways you connect me to your creation and to other people. I thank you for the wonderful ways you have created me in your image and likeness. Amen.

LIVING IN THE DEEP WATER

In a commencement address, the Governor of Rhode Island talked about living life in the deep water. By that he meant to live life as fully as possible. Some people live only in the shallow water, superficially, and they never discover how wonderful life can truly be.

The greatest “deep water” experience you can ever have is to honor God by living your life fully and with integrity. It is to deepen your relationship with God, to learn about yourself, to deepen your relationships with others—such as family, friends, neighbors, and fellow Scouts—and to plunge fully into the enjoyment of God’s magnificent creation. It means to live deeply in whatever arena of life you are in, be it school studies, sports and athletics, your work, your recreation and play, or your service to others.

Think of the ways that Scouting is for you a “deep water” experience, how much fun you’ve had, and how you are better prepared for life because you have not been afraid to test the deep water. Most every faith tradition calls us to live thankfully and abundantly and joyfully, to “live in the deep water.” Promise yourself that you will always live life in the deep water, that you’ll honor God and self by living thankfully, joyfully, abundantly, and according to the principles embodied in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. You have only one life to live. Live it in the deep water. You’ll never regret doing so.

PRAYER: Be with me, God. Walk with me. Make me aware of your presence this day. Help me to live fully each good experience today. I will give you glory. [Adapted from the *Book of Uncommon Prayer*]

GOD RUNS BESIDE US

There once was a high school track coach who was not one of those coaches who stands on the sidelines yelling and clocking his runners. Instead, he ran with them, making it difficult for any to slack off or fall behind or just plain drop out even when they wanted to. When they least expected it, there was the coach running right along beside them. Furthermore this coach didn’t just run alongside his high school runners. He wanted to engage them in conversation. Now it’s hard enough to

keep your lungs and legs working as you run, but add to that chatting along the way. That's being challenged! But that was this coach's mode of operation. He knew his runners both physically and emotionally, and he ran beside them.

For you, the person "running" beside you might be a supportive friend or parent, maybe even an older brother or sister, or some other relative. It might be a teacher or a religious leader giving you encouragement along the way. Chances are someone like that is in your life or will be in the future. For people of faith, whatever that faith tradition is, this image of one who is beside you to keep you focused and growing stronger and helping you to develop character, moral and physical fitness, a strong sense of confidence, and self-esteem, helping you to be the fullest person you hope to be ... this image is the image of God.

God moves beside us, runs with us, engages us, and energizes us. God sometimes takes us to places we don't even want to go or are afraid to go. But God knows what is best for us. God wants us to be the very best we can be because we reflect God's image and likeness and God loves us right into a full life when we let God do so. God will be with you today and always.

PRAYER: Dear God, when I pray, let me feel your presence. When I worship you, let me feel your love. In the quiet moments of the day, I will open my heart to you, God. And I know that you are with me always and that you will hear my prayers. Amen. [From *The Graduate's Book*]

BEING PUT TOGETHER RIGHT

Daniel Beard, one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America, once said, "This was a good country in the past. It is a good country today. It will be a good country tomorrow unless we fail it."

There's a story about parents who were having trouble getting their child interested in geography. They thought that if they purchased a puzzle of the United States, the puzzle would spark her interest. And, to their amazement, their child was able to put together that puzzle in no time at all. They asked her how she did it in such a short time. She explained that on the back of the map was a picture puzzle of the face of George Washington. She said, "When you get the man put together right, the United States comes out all right too." Now that's a significant insight. Because the best way to put things together as they should be in our country, in the world, is for each of us to be "put together right."

This story has important applications. Being "put together right" begins with our faith in God. It is living our faith that inspires us and molds us into people who reflect the image of God in our world. Being "put together right" means that we put faith, family, and friends first in the priorities of our lives. More than ever before our society, our nation, and our world need people just like you, people who are being "put together right," people who will make a significant difference in the world and produce a secure future for themselves and their families.

PRAYER: God, I am thankful that I live in such a wonderful country as the United States of America. I am thankful for all the blessings you have bestowed on my country. Knowing that a good nation must be made from the strengths of its people, help me to be the best citizen I can be so that I will make a difference today and every day. Amen.

CHOOSE TO FOLLOW THE LIGHT

A troop of Scouts was touring Chicago. One of the highlights of their trip was to go to the observation deck near the top of the Sears Tower, a hundred floors above the

ground. It was late in the afternoon, and far below busy traffic was moving along the city streets and people were hurrying home from work.

One of the Scouts noticed something. People who were walking into the sun, low in the western sky, were walking with their shadows behind them while people walking in the opposite direction, away from the sun, were walking into their shadows. It didn't take him very long to make a connection between what he was seeing and his own faith tradition. Many faiths use the contrast between light and dark as an image of good and evil. To be in the light, or walking toward the light, is to be moving toward God, who is the source of all love and goodness for us and for all God's creation. To be walking away from the light, into one's shadow, can be compared to walking away from God, away from all that is good, into the darkness of separation from God, from others, from self, and even from God's own creation, of which we are a part.

The choice is ours, isn't it? We either can choose to do that which is good or that which is bad, to live close to God or away from God and from one another. Which choices have you made in your own life? When have you made them? When have you changed direction and moved toward God and the light? How have you helped a friend, perhaps a Scout of your troop or patrol, to find the direction that leads to the light of God? The next time you are outside on a sunny day observe where your shadow is and make that a reminder of the teachings of your faith tradition about the power of God and the power of evil and the choices we make.

PRAYER: God, you are my light. Help me always to make choices that lead to you and give me the strength to follow them. Amen.

WORK HARD, PLAY FAIR AND PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE

“Work hard, play fair, and paddle your own canoe.” These are the words of Walter Jones, who was the equivalent of an Eagle Scout as a boy in Canada and became an active adult Scout leader in both Canada and the United States throughout his life. He was also a leader in his religious faith tradition in both countries.

His favorite advice to his own children and to youth in general is summed up in these words, “work hard, play fair, and paddle your own canoe.” Walter Jones’s wish for every young person, indeed every person, was for each to reach his or her full God given potential in life. To “work hard” does not necessarily mean hard physical labor. It means to dedicate oneself to getting a good education, to helping out at home in the neighborhood and community where you live, and to finding the career that best fits your abilities and gifts. This will help you support your family and make you a productive citizen willing to give of yourself to make your community better. To “play fair” means to have fun in life, to enjoy time with family and friends, to know the benefits of recreation without always having to come in first, to develop the kind of values and character that will make others want to spend time with you. To “paddle your own canoe” means not to compare yourself with others, but to be fully the person God would have you to be.

What other meanings in these words of advice can you think of for your own life? How does your Scouting experience help you fulfill these concepts? God does indeed want us to be the best we can be, and one way to reach that is to “work hard, play fair, and paddle your own canoe.”

PRAYER: God, help me to honor you with my life today. Help me to do my best for you in things I will learn today, in my companionship with my friends, and in reaching the goals that you have helped me set for myself. Amen.

“YESTERDAY IS HISTORY, TOMORROW IS MYSTERY, TODAY IS....”

There's an old saying, “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery, today is...” We can fill in the answer to what today is in many ways. What are some of the ways you would answer that? Let's look at it in light of the opportunities that you have in your life.

Yesterday is indeed history. It is past. It is gone. It is only now in your memory. Perhaps it was a really good day, perhaps only an average day with nothing of real note taking place. Or maybe it was the kind of day that we all have from time to time, a day we are glad is over and gone.

And then there's tomorrow. Tomorrow has not yet come. We may have plans for tomorrow, things to do, friends to hang out with, school work to complete, places to go, but until tomorrow is here we don't really know whether or not we will be able to fulfill our plans. Tomorrow is filled with unknowns. Tomorrow truly is a mystery for us.

But what about today? Today is the only “real” time we have. What are your plans for today? What are your goals for this day? How are you going to honor and thank God today by the things you say and you do, and the things you don't say and don't do? Each new day brings with it a chance for a new beginning. The choices you make today may be influenced by what happened yesterday, and they may affect what you plan for tomorrow. But today is God's gift to you. Be thankful for it and do your best to make it the best day of your life and a day in which you will

come closer to the person God would have you to be.

PRAYER: God, today is the day that you have made. Help me to rejoice and be thankful for this day and live it fully. Amen.

THIS FRAGILE EARTH, OUR ISLAND HOME

Astronomer Carl Sagan often presented a vision of planet Earth by reflecting on a spacecraft with intelligent beings approaching Earth from a distant place in the universe. His descriptions of what these beings see as they come closer and closer to Earth, with increasing clarity of the planet and its many life forms and human-made objects, were always very vivid.

Many lessons can be learned from such images. On a dark and clear night go off to a place where you can see the myriad of stars and heavenly bodies clearly in the darkened sky. Pick out the pinpoint of light of a distant star and pretend that it is planet Earth and you are looking at it from an almost unimaginable distance. It seems like a very insignificant place amid the visible stars and other objects in the night sky, doesn't it? Reflect on the fact that this is what our Earth does look like from such a distance. Now, think of that famous picture of the rising Earth taken from the moon a few decades ago, that exquisite watery blue sphere with its white cloud formations and the broad expanses of its continents clearly visible, this "fragile Earth, our island home."

Think about how unique Earth is in our solar system, perhaps even in our Milky Way Galaxy and beyond. Think about our place on Earth as human beings created in the image and likeness of God and what that means in terms of our relationship to all of God's creation, both on Earth and throughout the universe. How privileged

we are to be co-creators with our God and to share in the wonders of God's universe! It is a humbling experience, a beautiful experience, and an experience beyond words. Relax, reflect, enjoy, praise and thank God in your own words. And promise to do your part to take care of your world and the people within it.

PRAYER: Thank you for helping me to know that, in the immense and beautiful universe you continue to create, you have made me unique and special in your image and likeness. Amen.

PURPOSE AND DESIGN IN GOD'S CREATION

God's design of His creation is a wonderful miracle. The beauty of nature is inspiring. As often as you can, spend at least a few minutes a day to look closely at some part of the natural world around you. Give thanks to God for its design and its connection to all other living things (and nonliving too, such as rock and earth and water and clouds). You will be awed by what you experience and discover.

One day, the writer of this reflection was sitting quietly in a sunny location in Florida when he happened to catch in his vision the tiniest of brightly colored spiders dropping on a thread of silk from a tree branch. As he watched, this spider swayed in the light breeze until he landed on another lower branch. It was not long before a framework for a web was formed from three or four sturdy single vertical strands placed at some distance from one another. Then the work of shaping the web began in earnest and was accomplished quite quickly. Around and around, beginning from the outside and working toward the center, this tiny spider connected strands of its web together in an exquisite geometric pattern, each circular strand perfectly separated from the next in an exact design. Finally, the spider reached the very center and took up

residence, waiting for an unsuspecting insect to be caught in the newly constructed web to provide the food and nourishment for the spider's life and species to continue.

Each part of God's creation is uniquely gifted by its Creator with all it needs for survival and the continuance of its species. This is no less true for you. The difference is that you are aware of how you are using God's gifts to you. Use them wisely and for their intended purposes, and your life will bring equal glory to God as that tiny little spider in a tree in Florida did.

PRAYER: When our eyes behold the beauty and grandeur of your world, O God, we see the wisdom, power, and goodness of its Creator. Your name alone is exalted. Amen.

RAINBOWS

More than 17,000 enthusiastic Scouts from 108 countries of the world gathered in the Rocky Mountains of Alberta, Canada, for the XV World Jamboree. Thunderstorms with cold rain threatened the opening ceremonies and arena show. Just before the events began, the clouds parted, the setting sun shone brightly, and a rainbow arched across the sky over the site of the Jamboree.

Rainbows are one of God's truly spectacular natural phenomena. Even though we know how naturally they form, often the world seems to come to a temporary halt so we can enjoy the beauty of these colorful heavenly creations. One reason for this surely comes from the religious tradition that God sealed a new relationship with humanity and with all God's creation following the Great Flood by the sign of the rainbow in the sky.

The rainbow has become a reminder of God's presence, often a reassuring message, as it were, that whatever has gone wrong will be made OK. Stories are told of how dif-

difficult and stressful situations that seem to have no resolution are calmed, at least for a time, by the sign of the rainbow in the heavens. God is present. God is walking with us through both the joys and the sorrows and the challenges of life. We need not be afraid. The next time you see a rainbow in the sky, may it be a reminder to you of God's companionship with you every step of your life. And give thanks.

PRAYER: God, I thank you for the many ways you make yourself known to your people. I especially thank you for the sign of the rainbow, which gives me joy and a continuing reminder of your loving and caring presence with me and with all people. Amen.

THE WHOLE WORLD HAS BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO SHOW UP

“The whole world has been waiting for you to show up!” These are the words of a Scout camp director to the excited Scouts at the closing campfire of summer camp. They are potent words, filled with hope and promise and expectation, and they set the tone for every Scout's return back to home and community.

You have enjoyed a terrific week of camp. You've worked on skills to advance in rank and to take with you for the rest of your life—skills in leadership, in camping, in waterfront activities, in cooking, in hiking, perhaps in craft making, in field sports, and in building confidence and a stronger sense of yourself. You have enjoyed competitive games and campfire programs, service projects and special events. Maybe you've made some new friends who have helped to bring out the best in you, and you have done the same in them. You've learned to trust in yourself, in others, and in God. What other things can you add to this list as you reflect on your week at camp?

Without perhaps even realizing it, you most likely have practiced every one of the twelve points of the Scout Law sometime this week. You've been trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. It has become ever so much more a way of life for you. You've changed this week and you are returning home stronger in body, mind, and spirit. You've grown up a bit and you are that much closer to fulfilling all the potential that God has given you for a healthy and productive and full life. You've come to the end of your summer camp experience for this year. And while you can't stay here now, you can return again. And you probably will, because it has been one of the best weeks of your life. As you leave for home remember that you can do anything with your life from this moment on and also that you are called by God to make a difference in the world. You are a Scout!

PRAYER: God, life is full of beginnings and endings. Help me to make the best of each new experience as I grow in my relationship with you, with my family, and with my friends. Help me not to waste a single day, but to make every day a day on which I can make a difference for the betterment of all. Amen.

UPON RETURN FROM A JOURNEY:

Repeat the previous *duaa*' and add to it:

We are returners, repentants, worshippers, and thankful to our Lord.

'Ayiboona, ta'eboona, aabidoona, lirabbina hamidoona.

آيُونَ تَائِبُونَ عَابِدُونَ لِرَبِّنَا حَامِدُونَ

WHEN FACED BY HARDSHIP:

Oh Allah! There is nothing easy except what You make easy, and You make the difficult easy if it be Your will.

Allahommala-sahla illa-ma-ja altaho sahla, wa'anta taj alol-hazna Itha Shi"ta sahla.

اللَّهُمَّ لَا سَهْلَ إِلَّا مَا جَعَلْتَهُ سَهْلًا،
وَأَنْتَ تَجْعَلُ الْحَزْنَ إِذَا شِئْتَ سَهْلًا

WHEN SETTING OUT ON A JOURNEY:

Oh Allah! It is with Your help that I struggle, move, and walk. Oh Allah! I beg of You in this journey, virtue, piety, and deeds which are acceptable to You. Oh Allah! Make our journey easy for us and shorten for us its distance. Oh Allah! You are the companion in the journey and the guardian-protector of the household. Oh Allah! I seek refuge in You from the difficulties of this journey, and from disagreeable sights and from unpleasant return to (my) wealth, household, and children.

Allahoma bika 'asool, wa bika 'ajool, wa bika 'aseer. Allahomma 'inni 'as'aloka fi safari hadha al-birra wa at-taqwa, wa min al-aamali ma tarda. Allahomma hawwin aaleyna safarana hadha wa 'atwi aanna bo'dahu. Allahomma anta as-sahibu fi is-safari wa al-khalfatu fi il-'ahel. Allahomma 'inni 'aoodho bika min wa aatha' is-safari, wa ka'abati il-manzari, wa so'i il-monqalabi fi il-maali wa al-'ahli wa al-waladi.

اللَّهُمَّ بِكَ أَصُولُ، وَبِكَ أَجُولُ، وَبِكَ أَسِيرُ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ
فِي سَفَرِي هَذَا الْبِرَّ وَالتَّقْوَى، وَمِنَ الْعَمَلِ مَا تَرْضَى اللَّهُمَّ
هُوَ عَلَيْنَا سَفَرْنَا هَذَا وَأَطْوَعْنَا بَعْدَهُ اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الصَّاحِبُ
فِي السَّفَرِ وَالْخَلِيفَةُ فِي الْأَهْلِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ وَعَثَاءِ
السَّفَرِ، وَكَآبَةِ الْمَنْظَرِ، وَسُوءِ الْمُنْقَلَبِ فِي الْمَالِ وَالْأَهْلِ وَالْوَالِدِ.

WHEN MOUNTING A MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION (HORSE, CAR, TRAIN, PLANE, ETC.):

Glory to Him who has subjected these to our (use), for we could never have accomplished this (by ourselves). And to our Lord, surely must we turn back!

Subhan al-ladhi sakhkhara lana hadha wa ma kunna laho muqrineena wa`inna `ila Rabba lamonqaliboon.

﴿سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرْنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ
وَإِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ﴾

WHEN RETIRING TO SLEEP:

In Your name, oh Lord, I lay my side (to sleep). And by (Your leave) I raise it up. So if You take away my soul (during sleep), forgive it, and if You send it back (after sleep), protect it even as You protect Your pious servants.

Bismika Rabbi wa daato janbi wa bika arfaaho, in`amsakta nafsi faghfir laha, wa`in arsaltaha fahfazha bima tahfazo bihi ibadaka as-salihina.

بِاسْمِكَ رَبِّي وَضَعْتُ جَنْبِي وَبِكَ أَرْفَعُهُ،
إِنْ أَمْسَكَتَ نَفْسِي فَاعْفِرْ لَهَا، وَإِنْ أَرْسَلْتَهَا فَاحْفَظْهَا
بِمَا تَحْفَظُ بِهِ عِبَادَكَ الصَّالِحِينَ. (رواه الجماعة)

PRAYERS OF THE PROPHET FOR DAILY LIFE

WAKING UP:

Praise be to Allah who gave us life after death and unto Him will be the return.

Al-hamdu lillah-il-ladhi ahyana baada ma amatana wa`ileyhi in-nushur.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَحْيَانَا بَعْدَ مَا أَمَاتَنَا وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ

WHEN BEGINNING A MEAL:

Oh Allah! Bless (the food) You provided us and save us from the punishment of the hellfire. In the name of Allah.

Allahomma barik lana fima razaqtana, wa qina aad-haba an-nar, bism-illahi.

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِيْمَا رَزَقْتَنَا، وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ، بِسْمِ اللَّهِ

AFTER FINISHING A MEAL:

Praise be to Allah who has fed us and given us drink, and made us Muslims.

Al-hamdu lillahi il-ladhi ataamana wa saqana wa ja aalana Muslimina.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَنَا وَسَقَانَا وَجَعَلَنَا مُسْلِمِينَ

So, worship Allah and associate no other partner with Him. And fear from Him as one should rightly fear, and whatever good undertakings come out of your mouths must be truly fulfilled by you in Allah's presence so that through Allah's blessings you will be united among yourselves. Truly, Allah becomes angry with one who does not keep his promises. May Allah keep you all in His peace.

This is from a sermon of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Let us seek guidance and forgiveness.

Al-hamdu lillahi, hamdan kathiran, waspsalaamu aala Muhammad, wa aala ahlihi, wa sahabihi ajma'een, wa man tab'ahum be-'ihsan 'ila yom ud-deen.

Inna Allaha wa mala'ekatuhu, yussalloona aala an-nabi.

Ya ayuhalla-theena 'amanu sallu aaleyhe, wa sallimu tasleema, wa baad.

The Prophet (pbuh) has said as reported in Al-Hadith, Baihaqu, "Show me that you possess these five virtues: That you are truthful when you speak; that you fulfill your trust when you promise; that you guard yourself against immodesty; that you lower your eyes to the ground; and that you withhold your hand from doing what is wrong, then I will guarantee you paradise." (Read three times.)

Iqamat as-sallaat. (Call for the prayer.)

KHUTBA FOR SALATUL JUMAH (FRIDAY NOON PRAYERS)

Al-hamdu lillahi, nasta'eenuhu, wa nastaghferuhu, wa nastahdeeyahu, wa na'uzu billahi men sharri anfusana wa men sayyee'ati a'malinah. Man yahdeh ellaahu falaa mudella lahu, wa man yudell falaa hadiya lahu. Wa ash-hadu alla ellaha ela Allah, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa rasuluhu, wa baad.

Wa ba'ad.

Praise be to Allah! I remember and glorify His many attributes of power and mercy, and I ask help from Him. We seek refuge with Allah from the evils within ourselves and from the wickedness of our deeds. For one who is guided by Allah, there is none that can misguide him, and for one who gets astray (as a result of Allah's displeasure), there is none to guide him. And I bear witness—truly, there is no God but Allah, He is the only one with no partner. Undoubtedly, the excellent teaching is the *Book of Allah*, the blessed and the exalted. One whose heart Allah has adorned with it, and brought him to the fold of Islam after he has renounced the worship of many gods (polytheism), and who adopted it in preference to all other messages of the people, surely he is the successful and redeemed. Verily, it is the excellent teaching and the most eloquent.

Love you all that is loved by Allah. Get the love of Allah imprinted in your very heart, and don't feel tired of reciting Allah's words, and remembering Him, and do not blacken your hearts. This is because from among all that has been created by Allah, and liked and chosen by Him, and best of all the good things, as well as from among the lawful and unlawful, and the good forms of worship, He has assigned superiority to His own words.

And He has put love between their hearts. Not if you had spent all that is in the earth, could you have produced that affection, but Allah has done it, for He is exalted in might, wise. (Qur'an 8:63)

﴿وَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ، لَوْ أَنْفَقْتَ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعاً مَا أَلَّفْتَ
بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ، وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَلَّفَ بَيْنَهُمْ، إِنَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ﴾
(الأنفال: ٦٣)

DAY NINE

Reflections: Are we encouraged to nourish an intimate connection with the pulse of creation?

Aisha (*rabiyah Allah*, wife of Muhammad, Messenger of Allah) often noticed that if there was a roll of thunder, even in the distance, the face of the Prophet (pbuh) would change color. The sound of a powerful gust of wind would likewise visibly move Him and on at least one occasion when there was a downpour of rain He bared His head, shoulders, and breast and went out in the open so that He might share the delight of the earth in receiving the bounty of the earth directly upon His skin. (Adapted from the Sirah of Muhammad, from the Earliest Sources, by Martin Lings.)

DAY TEN

Reflections: This time spent at camp has been a time of discovery and growth. What can we learn from the time your crew has spent together with nature? We are the same and yet so different!

Oh humankind! I have created you male and female from a single soul, and made you nations and tribes so that you may know each other. Truly, the most honored of you in the sight of God is the one who is most righteous. And Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted with all things. (Qur'an 49:13)

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴾
(الحجرات: ١٣)

DAY EIGHT

Reflections: In nature there are many signs of Allah, if we but have eyes to see, ears to hear, and a pure heart to commune with God. What can we learn from the creation of God?

It is Allah who looses the winds that set the clouds in motion, and we drive them on to a land that is dead. Thus do we bring the earth back to life after it has been dead. . (Qur'an 35:9)

﴿والله الذي أرسل الرياح فتثير سحاباً فسقناه
إلى بلد ميت فأحيينا به الأرض بعد موتها . . . ﴾
(فاطر : ٩)

And among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the variations in your languages and your colors; truly in that are signs for those who know. . . . And among His signs He shows you the lightning by way both of fear and of hope, and He sends down rain from the sky and with it gives life to the earth after it is dead. Truly in that are signs for those who are wise. (Qur'an 30:22, 24)

﴿ومن آياته خلق السموات والأرض واختلاف ألسنتكم
واللوانكم إن في ذلك لآيات للعالمين ﴾
(الروم : ٢٢)

﴿ومن آياته يرِيكم البرق خوفاً وطمَعاً وينزل من السماء ماءً
فيحيي به الأرض بعد موتها إن في ذلك لآيات لقوم يعقلون ﴾
(الروم : ٢٤)

It is He who has made you His representatives and stewards of the earth. He has raised you in ranks, some above others, that He may try you in the gifts He has given you, for your Lord is quick in punishment, yet He is indeed Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful. (Qur'an 6:165)

﴿وهو الذين جعلكم خلائف الأرض ورفع
بعضكم فوق بعض درجات ليبلوكم في ما آتاكم
إن ربك سريع العقاب وإنه لغفور رحيم﴾
(الأنعام: ١٦٥)

DAY SEVEN

Reflections: Allah did not create us to live alone. We share this planet earth with many other creatures. How should we relate to the rest of creation?

There is not an animal in the earth nor a flying creature flying on two wings but they are nations like unto you. We have neglected nothing in the Book (of Our decrees). Then unto their Lord will they be gathered. (Qur'an 6:38)

﴿وما من دابة في الأرض ولا طائر يطير بجناحيه إلا أمم أمثالكم،
ما فرطنا في الكتاب من شيء، ثم إلى ربهم يحشرون﴾
(الأنعام: ٣٨)

DAY SIX

Reflections: Do we have a responsibility for the condition of the earth?

Let there be from among you, a group of believers who call to what is good, and will prohibit the evil. (Qur'an 3:104)

﴿ولتكن منكم أمة يدعون إلى الخير،
ويأمرون بالمعروف، وينهون عن المنكر﴾
(آل عمران: ١٠٤)

Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do righteous deeds that He will assuredly make them to succeed (those now with power) and grant them stewardship and responsibility in the land just as He made those before them to succeed others. (Qur'an 24:55)

﴿وعد الله الذين آمنوا منكم وعملوا الصالحات
ليستخلفنهم في الأرض كما استخلف الذين من قبلهم﴾
(النور: ٥٥)

The world is green and beautiful and Allah appointed you as His stewards over it. He sees how you acquit yourselves. (Saying of the prophet Muhammad, pbuh.)

DAY FIVE

Reflections: Amidst the splendor of God's creation, we should remember that much of the earth is today devastated and lain in waste. May humans recklessly exploit the earth without fear of consequence?

Know that we did not create the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them, in frivolous play. (Qur'an 21:16)

﴿وما خلقنا السماء والأرض وما بينهما لا عيين﴾
(الأنبياء: ١٦)

Corruption has appeared over land and water on account of what man's hands have wrought. (Qur'an 30:40)

﴿ظهر الفساد في البر والبحر بما كسبت أيدي الناس﴾
(الروم: ٤١)

Don't you see that it is Allah who has created the heavens and the earth, not without a plan and purpose? He can, if He so wills, remove you and put in your place a new people. That will not be so difficult for God to do. (Qur'an 14:19-20)

﴿ألم تر أن الله خلق السموات والأرض بالحق إن يشأ يذهبكم ويأت بخلق جديد، وما ذلك على الله بعزيز﴾
(إبراهيم: ١٩ - ٢٠)

Such is God, your real Cherisher and Sustainer. Apart from truth, what remains but error? How then are you turned away? (Qur'an 10:32)

﴿فذلكم الله ربكم الحق فماذا بعد
الحق إلا الضلال فأنى تُصْرَفُونَ﴾
(يونس : ٣٢)

DAY FOUR

Reflections: How great is the power of God, and how humble should we be in His presence?

To Him is due the primal origin of the heavens and the earth. When He creates a thing, He simply says to it 'Be!' and it evolves into being. (Qur'an 2:117)

﴿بديع السموات والأرض وإذا قضى أمراً
فإنما يقول له كن فيكون﴾
(البقرة : ١١٧)

Have not the incredulous people considered that the heavens and the earth were originally one closed-up mass, and We rent them asunder? Do not they know that it is out of water that We have made everything living? Will they not then give credence to Our portents? (Qur'an 21:30)

﴿أولم ير الذين كفروا أن السموات والأرض كانتا رتقاً
ففتقناهما وجعلنا من الماء كلَّ شيءٍ حيٍّ أفلا يؤمنون﴾
(الأنبياء : ٣٠)

DAY THREE

Reflections: On the mountains and in the forests, the immensity of God's creation is awe-inspiring. How can we understand the majesty of God?

Surely in the creation of the heavens and the earth and in the alternation of the night and of the day are signs for men possessed of minds who remember Allah. (Qur'an 3:190)

﴿إن في خلق السموات والأرض واختلاف
الليل والنهار لآيات لأولي الألباب﴾
(آل عمران : ١٩٠)

With power and skill did We construct the firmament, for it is We who create the vastness of space. And We have spread out the spacious earth. How excellently We do spread out! And of every thing We have created pairs, that you may reflect and learn. Hasten you then to Allah. (Qur'an 51:47-50)

﴿والسمااء بنيناها بأيد وإنا لموسعون ،
والأرض فرشناها فنعم الماهدون ،
ومن كل شيء خلقنا زوجين لعلكم
تذكرون ، ففروا إلى الله إني لكم منه نذير مبين﴾
(الذاريات : ٤٧ - ٥٠)

DAY TWO

Reflections: All humans have been given a common nature (*fitra*). What is the nature of our way which is harmonious with human nature?

Set your face to the true religion—the nature of God, on which He has instituted the innate nature of mankind. No change is permissible in Allah's creation. This is the eternal way. (Qur'an 30:30)

﴿ فَأَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا فِطْرَةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ
النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقِيمُ ﴾
(الروم : ٣٠)

Say: He is God, The One and Only; Allah, the Eternal, Absolute; He begets not nor is He begotten; and there is none like unto Him. (Qur'an 112:1-4)

﴿ قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ، اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ، لَمْ يَلِدْ،
وَلَمْ يُولَدْ، وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ﴾
(الإخلاص : ١-٤)

This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam (the way of peace and obedience to God) as your religion. (Qur'an 5:3)

﴿ الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ
نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا ﴾
(المائدة : ٣)

DAILY MEDITATIONS

DAY ONE

Reflections: To whom do we turn our hearts and minds in worship, remembrance, and service? What are the simple words that guide us through each day?

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. Praise be to God, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds, Most Gracious, Most Merciful, Master of the Day of Judgment. You do we worship, and Your aid we seek. Show us the straight way. The way of those on whom You have bestowed Your grace, those who earn not Your anger and who go not astray. (Qur'an 1:1-7)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 ﴿الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ، مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ،
 إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ، إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ، صِرَاطَ
 الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ، غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ، وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ﴾
 (الفاتحة: ١-٧)

PERPETUAL PRAYER SCHEDULE

[NOTE: For prayer times in your locality, please refer to a website such as the one included herein.]

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t'fila v'tachanun atah. Baruch
atah Adonai, shomei-a t'fila.

May it be Your will, our God and God of our ancestors, to lead us on the way of peace, so that You will bring us happily to our destination safe and sound. Save us from danger on the way. Give us good grace, kindness, and favor both in Your eyes and in the eyes of all we may meet. Hear our prayer for You are a God who listens to the heart's supplication. Praised are You, Adonai, who hears our prayers.

T'FILAT HADERECH— PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS

יהי רצון מלפניך יי אלהינו
 ואלהי אבותינו, שתוליכנו
 לשלום, ותצעידנו לשלום
 ותדריכנו לשלום ותגיענו
 למחוז חפצנו לחיים
 ולשמחה ולשלום, ותצלנו
 מכף כל-אויב ואורב
 ולסטים וחיות רעות בדרך
 ומכל-מיני פורעניות
 המתרגשות ובאות לווא לעולם.
 ותשלח ברכה בכל-מעשה
 ידינו, ותתננו לחן ולחסד
 ולרחמים בעיניך ובעיני כל-
 רואנו, ותשמע קול
 תחנונינו, כי אל שומע
 תפלה ותחנון אתה. ברוך
 אתה יי, שומע תפלה.

Y'hi ratzon mil'fanecha Adonai Eloheinu
 veilohei avoteinu, shetolichenu
 l'shalom, v'tatzideinu l'shalom
 v'tadricheinu l'shalom v'tagi-einu
 limchoz cheftzeinu l'chayim
 ul-simcha ul-shalom, v'tatzileinu
 mikaf kol oyeiv v'oreiv
 v'listim v'chayot ra-ot baderech
 u-mi kol minei fur-anivot
 hamitrag'shot lavo la-olam.
 V'tishlach b'racha b'chol ma-asei
 yadeineu, v'tit'neinu l'chein ul-chesed
 ul-rachamin b'einecha uv-einei chol
 ro-einu, v'tishma kol
 tachanuneinu, ki Eil shomei-a

Blessed are you, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, who in Your goodness nourishes the whole world with favor and kind love and mercy. You give food to all living things because Your kind love is always with us. Out of Your great goodness. You never let us lack for food, and may You never let us lack in the future. For the sake of what You stand for—that You are God, who feeds and provides for everyone—You do good for everyone and prepare food for all the living things You created. Blessed are You, O God, who feeds everyone.

Kakativ, v'achalta v-savata	כַּכַּתִּיב, וְאֶכְלֶתָּ וְשָׂבַעְתָּ
u-veirachta et Adonai	וּבִרְכַּתָּ
Elohecha al ha-aretz hatova	אֶת־יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ עַל הָאָרֶץ
asher natan lach. Baruch	הַטּוֹבָה
Ata Adonai, al ha-aretz v'al	אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לְךָ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה
hamazon.	יְיָ, עַל הָאָרֶץ וְעַל הַמָּזוּן.

Uv-nei Yerushalayim ir	וּבְנֵה יְרוּשָׁלַיִם עִיר הַקֹּדֶשׁ
hakodesh bim-heira	בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ
v'yameinu. Baruch Ata	בּוֹנֵה בְּרַחֲמָיו יְרוּשָׁלַיִם. אָמֵן.
Adonai, boneh v'rachamav	
Yerushalayim. Amen.	

O let Jerusalem, the holy city, be renewed in our time. Blessed is the Eternal, by whose compassion we will see Jerusalem renewed and at peace. Amen.

Oseh shalom bim-romav hu	עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא
ya-aseh shalom aleinu v'al	יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל־
kol Yisrael, v'imru. Amen.	יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ. אָמֵן.

May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and on all the world. And we say: Amen

Shir hama-a-lot
 B'shuv Adonai
 Et shivat Tziyon
 Hayinu k'cholmim
 Az yimalei s'chok pinu
 Ul-shoneinu rina.
 Az yomru vagoyim
 Higdil Adonai la-a-sot
 im eileh
 Higdil Adonai la-a-sot
 imanu
 Hayinu s'meichim.
 Shuva Adonai et sh'viteinu
 Ka-afikim banegev.
 Hazorim b'dima b'rina
 yiktzoru.
 Haloch yelech uvacho
 Nosei meshech hazara.
 Bo yavo v'rina nosei alumotav.

Baruch Ata Adonai,
 Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
 hazan et ha-olam kulo
 b'tuvo b'chen b'chesed
 uv-rachamim hu noten
 lechem l'chol basar, ki
 l'olam chasdo. Uv-tuvo
 hagadol tamid lo chasar
 lanu v'al yechsar lanu
 mazon l'olam va-ed.
 Ba-avur sh'mo hagadol ki
 hu El zan um-farnes lakol
 u-meitiv lakol u-meichin
 mazon l'chol b'riyotav
 asher bara. Baruch Ata
 Adonai, hazan et hakol.

שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת
 בְּשׁוּב יְיָ אֶת־שִׁיבַת צִיּוֹן הָיִינוּ
 כְּחֹלְמִים. אֲזוּ יִמְלֵא שְׂחוֹק פִּינוּ
 וְלִשְׁוֹנֵנוּ רִנָּה, אֲזוּ יֹאמְרוּ בְּגוֹיִם
 הַגְדִּיל יְיָ לַעֲשׂוֹת עִם אֱלֹהֵי.
 הַגְדִּיל יְיָ לַעֲשׂוֹת עִמָּנוּ הָיִינוּ
 שְׂמֵחִים. שׁוּבָה יְיָ אֶת־שְׁבִיתֵנוּ
 כְּאֶפִיקִים בְּנֶגֶב. הַזְרְעִים
 בְּדַמְעָה בְּרִנָּה יִקְצְרוּ. הַלֹּדֶךְ
 יִלְדֵךְ וּבִכְהָ נִשְׂא מִשְׁךְ הַזֶּרַע,
 בֹּא יבֹא בְרִנָּה נִשְׂא אֱלֻמֹּתָיו.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
 הָעוֹלָם, הַזֵּן אֶת־הָעוֹלָם כְּלוֹ
 בְּטוֹבוֹ בְּחֵן בְּחֶסֶד וּבְרַחֲמִים
 הוּא נוֹתֵן לַחֵם לְכָל־בֶּשֶׂר, כִּי
 לְעוֹלָם חֶסֶדוֹ. וּבְטוֹבוֹ הַגְּדוֹל
 תַּמִּיד לֹא חָסַר לָנוּ וְאֵל יַחְסֹר
 לָנוּ מִזֶּון לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. בְּעִבּוֹר
 שְׁמוֹ הַגְּדוֹל כִּי הוּא אֵל זֵן
 וּמְפָרֵס לְכָל וּמְטִיב לְכָל
 וּמְכִין מִזֶּון לְכָל־בְּרִיּוֹתָיו אֲשֶׁר
 בָּרָא. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַזֵּן אֶת־
 הַכֹּל.

Leader, raising the goblet of wine again:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, הַמְבַדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ
לְחַל, בֵּין אֹר לְחֹשֶׁךְ, בֵּין
יִשְׂרָאֵל לְעַמִּים, בֵּין יוֹם
הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשֵׁשֶׁת יָמֵי
הַמַּעֲשֶׂה. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי,
הַמְבַדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחַל.

Baruch atah Adonai,
 Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
 hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol,
 bein or l'choshech, bein
 Yisrael la-amin, bein yom
 hashvi-i l'shei-shet y'mei
 hama-aseh. Baruch atah
 Adonai, hamavdil bein
 kodesh l'chol.

Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who has made a distinction between the holy and the ordinary, between light and darkness, between the people of Israel and the heathens, between the seventh day and the six ordinary days of the week. Praised are You, Adonai, who has made a distinction between the holy and the ordinary.

BIRKAT HAMAZON

(PRAYER AFTER MEALS)

Shir hama-a-lot is sung before the meal prayer on Sabbaths and Festivals.

HAMOTZI

(BLESSING OVER THE BREAD)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן
הָאָרֶץ.

Baruch Ata Adonai,
Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
who causes bread to come forth from the earth.

HAVDALAH

(END OF SHABBAT)

The Leader raises the cup of wine.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
Creator of the fruit of the vine.

The Leader holds up the spice-box.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִיְנֵי בְשָׂמִים.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
Creator of all the spices.

*The spice-box is circulated;
the Leader holds up the candle.*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מְאוּרֵי הָאֵשׁ.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
Creator of the light of fire.

With wine, our symbol of joy, we celebrate this day and its holiness. We give thanks for all our blessings, for life and health, for work and rest, for home and love and friendship. And on Shabbat, eternal sign of creation, we rejoice that we are created in the divine image.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מִלְּךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.
 בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מִלְּךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
 בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְרָצָה בָּנוּ, וְשִׁבַּת קִדְּשׁוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן
 הִנְחִילָנוּ, וְזָכְרוֹן לְמַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית. כִּי הוּא יוֹם תְּחִלָּה
 לְמִקְרָאֵי קִדְּשׁ, יִזְכָּר לְיִצְיַאת מִצְרַיִם. כִּי-בָנוּ בְּחֵרֶף
 וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְּשָׁתָּ מִכָּל-הָעַמִּים, וְשִׁבַּת קִדְּשָׁךְ בְּאַהֲבָה
 וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחַלְתָּנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, מִקְדָּשׁ הַשְּׁבֵת.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
 Borei pri hagafen.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu, melech ha-olam, asher
 kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'ratza vanu, v'Shabbat kod-
 sho b'ahava uv-ratzon hinchilanu, zikaron l'Ma-asei
 v'reisheet, Ki hu yom t'chila l'mikra-ei kodesh, zecher
 litziyat mitzrayim, Ki vanu vacharta v-otanu kidashta
 mikol ha-amim, v'Shabbat kodsh'cha b'ahava uv-ratzon
 hinchaltanu. Baruch Ata Adonai, m'kadesh haShabbat.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
 Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
 Who hallows us with Mitzvot and takes delight in us. In
 God's love and favor God has made the holy Sabbath
 our heritage, as a reminder of the work of creation. It is
 first among our sacred days, and a remembrance of the
 Exodus from Egypt.

O God, You have chosen us and set us apart from all the
 peoples, and in love and favor have given us the Sabbath
 day as a sacred inheritance. Blessed is the Eternal, for
 the Sabbath and its holiness.

בוֹאֵי בְּשָׁלוֹם, עֲטֹרַת בְּעֵלָהּ, גַּם בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְצִהְלָה,
 תּוֹךְ אֲמוּנֵי עַם סִגְלָהּ. בּוֹאֵי כָּלָה! בּוֹאֵי כָּלָה!
 לְכֶה...

Bo-i ve-sha-lom, a-te-ret ba-a-la;
 gam be-sim-cha u-ve-tso-ho-la.
 toch e-mu-nei am se-gu-la
 bo-i cha-la! bo-i cha-la! Le-cha do-di . . .

Enter in peace, O crown of your husband; enter in glad-
 ness, enter in joy. Come to the people that keeps its faith.
 Enter O bride! Enter, O bride!
 Beloved . . .

HADLAKAT NEROT

(BLESSING OVER THE SHABBAT CANDLES)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
 אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
 asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav
 v'tzivanu L'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

Blessed is the Eternal our God. Ruler of the universe, by
 Whose Mitzvot we are hallowed, Who commands us to
 kindle the lights of Shabbat.

KIDDUSH

(BLESSING OVER THE WINE)

“Six days shall you labor and do all your work, but the
 seventh day is consecrated to the Eternal your God.”

LECHA DODI

לְכֵה דוּדֵי לְקִרְאֵת כְּלָה, פְּנֵי שַׁבַּת נִקְבְּלָה.

Le-cha do-di lik-rat ka-la, pe-nei Sha-bat ne-ka-be-la.

Beloved, come to meet the bride; beloved, come to greet Shabbat.

”שְׁמוֹר” וְ”זְכוֹר”, בְּדַבּוּר אֶחָד, הַשְּׁמִיעֵנוּ אֶל הַמִּצְדָּד.
 יְיָ אֶחָד וְשֵׁמוֹ אֶחָד, לְשֵׁם וּלְתִפְאַרֶת וּלְתִהְלָה.
 לְכֵה...

Sha-mor ve-za-chor be-di-bur e-chad,
 hish-mi-a-nu Eil ha-me-yu-chad.
 A-do-nai e-chad u-she-mo e-chad,
 le-sheim u-le-tif-e-ret ve-li-te-hi-la.
 Le-cha do-di . . .

“Keep” and “Remember”: a single command the Only God caused us to hear; the Eternal is One, His name is One; His are honor and glory and praise.
 Beloved . . .

הִתְעוֹרְרִי, הִתְעוֹרְרִי, כִּי בָּא אוֹרְךָ קוֹמִי אוֹרִי, עוֹרִי עוֹרִי,
 שִׁיר דְּבָרֶי; כְּבוֹד יְיָ עֲלֶיךָ נִגְלָה.
 לְכֵה...

Hit-o-re-ri, hit-o-re-ri, ki va o-reich! ku-mi, o-ri,
 u-ri u-ri, shir da-bei-ri;
 ke-vod A-do-nai a-la-yich nig-la. Le-cha do-di . . .

Awake, awake, your light has come! Arise, shine, awake and sing;
 the Eternal's glory dawns upon you.
 Beloved . . .

God, thank You for every gift You have given me these past days. As I go home, make me a special gift to my family and friends. AMEN

WELCOMING SHABBAT

Sing

SHALOM ALEICHEM

Sha-lom a-lei-chem,
mal-a-chei ha-sha-reit
mal-a-chei El-yon,
mi-me-lech ma-le-chei
ha-me-la-chim,
ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.

Bo-a-chem le-sha-lom,
mal-a-chei ha-sha-lom,
mal-a-chei El-yon,
mi-me-lech ma-le-chei
ha-me-la-chim,
ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.

Ba-re-chu-ni le-sha-lom,
mal-a-chei ha-sha-lom,
mal-a-chei El-yon,
mi-me-lech ma-le-chei
ha-me-la-chim,
ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.

Tsei-te-chem le-sha-lom,
mal-a-chei ha-sha-lom,
mal-a-chei El-yon,
mi-me-lech ma-le-chei
ha-me-la-chim,
ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.

שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם

שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, מְלֹאכֵי הַשָּׂרֵת,
מְלֹאכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן,
מִמְלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים,
הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.
בּוֹאֲכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם, מְלֹאכֵי
הַשָּׁלוֹם,

מְלֹאכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן,
מִמְלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים,
הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.
בְּרֻכּוֹנֵי לְשָׁלוֹם, מְלֹאכֵי
הַשָּׁלוֹם,

מְלֹאכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן,
מִמְלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים,
הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא,
צֹאֲתְכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם, מְלֹאכֵי
הַשָּׁלוֹם,

מְלֹאכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן,
מִמְלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים,
הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.

DAY NINE

Almighty God, give me grace to keep the solemn Oath which I have made. Teach me to speak and do the truth, and to shun all that is false in speech and deed. Help me to carry out cheerfully our daily tasks, and to do the good that lies near to hand. Make me thoughtful for others and teach me the meaning of true friendship. Forgive me the wrong I have done, and give strength to resist all temptation; and when things go ill, grant that I may turn to You a trustful heart and to the world a smiling face. Help me to be a true Scout, and make me strong to follow You through all life's way. Remind me, God, to thank the leaders of my crew for the encouragement they have given me. AMEN

DAY TEN

We have come to the end of our time at camp. Do you feel good about having completed your trek? What do you think were your biggest accomplishments these past ten days?

Not all of your accomplishments have been physical ones. You have come to a better understanding of yourself and of your fellow crew members. You have grown in your appreciation of God's land and God's gifts to you in nature and in friendships.

Now it is time to look homeward and to family and friends there. You have matured. You are now an even greater and finer gift to them.

What do you want to do for your family when you get home? Your friends?

Israel gave birth in time to other religions that have brought many to God but our responsibility continues, for our mission remains unfulfilled. It will continue until the earth is full of the knowledge of God as the sea-bed is covered by water.

O God of Israel, teach me to be worthy of the name of Jew. May I do nothing to disgrace it. May my every act bring honor to my faith and glory to Your name. May I understand my responsibility as a Jew, to continue the task begun by earlier generations of my people who achieved greatness by their faith in the mission to which You had called them: to serve in Your name, to bring light and blessing to all the families of the earth. AMEN

DAY EIGHT

Hallelujah.

Praise God in His sanctuary;

praise Him in the sky, His stronghold.

Praise Him for His mighty acts;

praise Him for His exceeding greatness.

Praise Him with blasts of the horn;

praise Him with harp and lyre.

Praise Him with timbrel and dance;

praise Him with lute and pipe.

Praise Him with resounding cymbals;

praise Him with loud-clashing cymbals.

Let all that breathes praise the Lord.

Hallelujah.

Psalm 150

mortal man that You have taken note of him,
 that You have made him little less than divine,
 and adorned him with glory and majesty;
 You have made him master over Your handiwork,
 laying the world at his feet,
 sheep and oxen, all of them,
 and wild beasts, too;
 the birds of the heavens, the fish of the sea,
 whatever travels the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name
 throughout the earth!

Psalms 8

DAY SEVEN

Ma tovu ohalecha Ya-akov
 Mishk'notecha Yisrael

מֵה־טֹבוֹ אֹהֲלֶיךָ יַעֲקֹב
 מִשְׁכְּנֹתֶיךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

How goodly are your tents, O Jacob,
 your dwelling places, O Israel.

The sense of being chosen impressed itself deeply on the soul of our people. And yet they did not consider themselves superior to other nations, for they knew that all humans are God's children. It was not their lineage but the possession of Torah that made them a choice people. For centuries they stood alone in upholding divine truth and the way of Torah in a world steeped in ignorance, superstition, and cruelty. Yet they always believed that others, too, might be chosen, if only they would choose the way of God.

Only one privilege did they claim, that of serving God and God's truth. And with that privilege came an exacting responsibility: "You of all the families of the earth, have known Me best; therefore I will hold you all the more accountable for your iniquities."

The judgments of the Lord are true,
 righteous altogether,
 more desirable than gold,
 than much fine gold;
 sweeter than honey,
 than drippings of the comb.
 Your servant pays them heed;
 in obeying them there is much reward.
 Who can be aware of errors?
 Clear me of unperceived guilt,
 and from willful sins keep Your servant;
 let them not dominate me;
 then shall I be blameless
 and clear of grave offense.
 May the words of my mouth
 and the prayer of my heart
 be acceptable to You,
 O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 19

DAY SIX

For the leader; on the gittith. A psalm of David.

O Lord, our Lord,
 How majestic is Your name throughout the earth,
 You who have covered the heavens with Your
 splendor!
 From the mouths of infants and sucklings
 You have founded strength on account of Your foes,
 to put an end to enemy and avenger.
 When I behold Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
 the moon and stars that You set in place,
 what is man that You have been mindful of him,

And God said: "This is a beautiful world that I have given you. Take care of it; do not ruin it."

How can I take good care of my country and my world?
O God, guide me as I strive to take good care of Your creation. AMEN.

DAY FIVE

For the leader. A psalm of David.

The heavens declare the glory of God,
the sky proclaims His handiwork.

Day to day makes utterance,
night to night speaks out.

There is no utterance,
there are no words,
whose sound goes unheard.

Their voice carries throughout the earth,
their words to the end of the world.

He placed in them a tent for the sun,
who is like a groom coming forth from the chamber,
like a hero, eager to run his course.

His rising-place is at one end of heaven,
and his circuit reaches the other;
nothing escapes his heat.

The teaching of the Lord is perfect,
renewing life;
the decrees of the Lord are enduring,
making the simple wise;

The precepts of the Lord are just,
rejoicing the heart;
the instruction of the Lord is lucid,
making the eyes light up.

The fear of the Lord is pure,
abiding forever;

DAY THREE

A song for ascents.

I turn my eyes to the mountains;
 from where will my help come?
 My help comes from the Lord,
 maker of heaven and earth.
 He will not let your foot give way;
 your guardian will not slumber.
 See, the guardian of Israel
 neither slumbers nor sleeps!
 The Lord is your guardian,
 the Lord is your protection
 at your right hand.
 By day the sun will not strike you,
 nor the moon by night.
 The Lord will guard you from all harm;
 He will guard your life.
 The Lord will guard your going and coming
 now and forever.

Psalm 121

DAY FOUR

Oh, how wonderful are the nights! The many stars seem closer than ever. This land, is so beautiful. The day was a tough one, but so worth it. Thank you, God, for making it possible. Remind me, as I hike and look at the awesome view, that this is Your gift to us.

“And God saw everything that had been created, and found it very good.”

DAY TWO

“Even those who are young grow weak; young people can fall exhausted. But those who trust in God will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles. They will run and not get weary. They will walk and not grow weak.” (Isaiah 40:30-31)

Have you seen an eagle on the trail yet? We can learn from eagles and from much in nature.

One day a fisherman watched as a mother eagle dropped a young eaglet into the canyon below. The eaglet plummeted and fluttered. It appeared that it was about to be dashed to its death on the rocks below, when out of the sky plunged the father eagle and caught his offspring on his broad back. Then he flew up high and dropped the young one. This time the mother caught the little one on her back. The routine was repeated until the little eaglet learned to fly.

God gives us opportunities to try our wings so that we might learn to fly on our own. This experience is one of these learning and growing opportunities.

Dear God, when I grow weary, lift me up on Your wings. Give me the courage and strength I need for tomorrow.
AMEN.

MEDITATIONS FOR EACH DAY

DAY ONE

God be praised, now and forever,
for giving us minds to understand Your teachings.

God be praised, now and forever,
for hands that lift up those who fall.

God be praised, now and forever,
for ears that hear the cry of those who need help.

God be praised, now and forever,
for hearts that care about the needs of others.

God be praised, now and forever,
for eyes that see the beauty of earth and sky.

God be praised, now and forever,
for the new day and this new journey.

We praise God for all that is good, true,
and beautiful in our lives.

Dear God, thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be here. Give me the strength to endure, the wisdom to enjoy each moment, and the courage to push myself further than I ever have before. Bless my crew and its leaders as we begin our journey through Your majestic outdoors. AMEN.

ADON OLAM

אדון עולם

A-don o-lam, a-sher ma-lach אָדוֹן עוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר מַלְךְ
 be-te-rem kol ye-tsir niv-ra, בְּטָרֵם כָּל־יְצִיר נִבְרָא,
 le-eit na-a-sa ve-chef-tso kol, לַעֲת נַעֲשֶׂה בְּחַפְצוֹ כָּל,
 a-zai me-lech she-mo nik-ra. אַזִּי מַלְךְ שְׁמוֹ נִקְרָא.
 Ve-a-cha-rei ki-che-lot ha-kol, וְאַחֲרַי כְּכֹלֹת הַכֹּל,
 le-va-do yim-loch no-ra, לְבַדּוֹ יִמְלֹךְ נוֹרָא,
 ve-hu ha-ya, ve-hu ho-veh, וְהוּא הָיָה, וְהוּא הוֹוֶה,
 ve-hu yi-he-yeh be-tif-a-ra. וְהוּא יִהְיֶה בְּתִפְאַרְה.
 Ve-hu e-chad, ve ein shei ni וְהוּא אֶחָד, וְאֵין שְׁנֵי
 le ham shil lo, le-hach-bi-ra, לְהַמְשִׁיל לוֹ, לְהַחֲבִירָה,
 be-li rei-sheet, be-li tach-lit, בְּלִי רֵאשִׁית, בְּלִי תַכְלִית,
 ve-lo ha-oz ve-ha-mis-ra. וְלוֹ הָעֹז וְהַמְשָׁרָה.
 Ve-hu Ei-li, ve-chai go-a-li, וְהוּא אֵלִי, וְחַי גּוֹאֲלִי,
 ve-tsur chev-li be-eit tsa-ra, וְצוּר חֲבָלִי בְּעֵת צָרָה,
 ve-hu ni-si u-ma-nos li, וְהוּא נְסִי וּמְנוּס לִי,
 me-nat ko-si be-yom ek-ra. מְנַת כּוֹסֵי בְּיוֹם אֶקְרָא.
 Be-ya-do af-kid ru-chi בְּיַדּוֹ אֶפְקִיד רוּחִי
 be-eit i-shan ve-a-i-ra, בְּעֵת אִישׁוֹן וְאַעִירָה,
 ve-im-ru-chi ge-vi-ya-ti: וְעַם־רוּחִי גְוִיתִי:
 A-do-nai li, ve-lo i-ra. יְיָ לִי, וְלֹא אִירָא.

Ye-hei she-la-ma ra-ba min she-ma-ya ve-cha-yim a-lei-
nu ve-al kol Yis-ra-eil,

ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

O-seh sha-lom bi-me-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-lei-
nu ve-al kol

Yis-ra-eil, ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

May the Source of peace, send peace to all who mourn,
and comfort to all who are bereaved. AMEN

EIN KEILOHEINU

אין כאלהינו

Ein kei-lo-hei-nu, ein ka- do-nei-nu , אין כאלהינו, אין כַּאֲדוֹנָנוּ,

Ein ke-mal-kei-nu, ein ke- mo-shi-ei-nu. אין כְּמַלְכָּנוּ, אין כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Mi chei-lo-hei-nu? Mi cha- do-nei-nu? מי כאלהינו? מי כַּאֲדוֹנָנוּ?

Mi che-mal-kei-nu? Mi che- mo-shi-ei-nu? מי כְּמַלְכָּנוּ? מי כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ?

No-deh lei-lo-hei-nu, no-deh la-do-nei-nu נוֹדֶה לְאֱלֹהֵינוּ, נוֹדֶה לְאֲדוֹנָנוּ,

no-deh le-mal-kei-nu, no-deh le-mo-shi-ei-nu נוֹדֶה לְמַלְכָּנוּ, נוֹדֶה לְמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Ba-ruch E-lo-hei-nu ba-ruch A-do-nei-nu , בָּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בָּרוּךְ אֲדוֹנָנוּ, בָּרוּךְ מַלְכָּנוּ, בָּרוּךְ מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

ba-ruch Mal-kei-nu ba-ruch Mo-shi-ei-nu אַתָּה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ,

A-ta hu E-lo-hei-nu אַתָּה הוּא אֲדוֹנָנוּ,

a-ta hu A-do-nei-nu אַתָּה הוּא מַלְכֵינוּ,

A-ta hu Mal-kei-nu אַתָּה הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

a-ta hu Mo-shi-ei-nu

יתגדל ויתקדש שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי-בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ,
 וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל-בֵּית
 יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.
 יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרְךְ לְעַלְמֵי וּלְעַלְמֵי עֲלַמְיָא.
 יְתַבְרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא, וְיִתְהַדָּר
 וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקוּדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעַלְמָא
 מִן-כָּל-בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא, תְּשַׁבְּחַתָּא וְנַחֲמַתָּא דְאִמְיָן
 בְּעֵלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.
 יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן-שְׁמֵיָא וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ
 וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.
 עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ
 וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

Yit-ga-dal ve-yit-ka-dash she-mei ra-ba be-al-ma di-ve-
ra chi-ru-tei

ve-yam-lich mal-chu-tei be-cha-yei-chon u-ve-yo-mei-
chon u-ve-cha-yei de-chol beit

Yis-ra-eil, ba-a-ga-la u-vi-ze-man ka-riv, ve-i-me-ru:
a-mein.

Ye-hei she-mei ra-ba me-va-rach le-a-lam u-le-al-mei
al-ma-ya.

Yit-ba-rach ve-yish-ta-bach, ve-yit-pa-ar ve-yit-ro-mam
ve-yit-na-sei, ve-yit-ha-dar

ve-yit-a-leh ve-yit-ha-lal she-mei de-ku-de-sha, be-rich
hu, le-ei-la min kol

bir-cha-ta ve-shi-ra-ta, tush-be-cha-ta ve-ne-che-ma-ta,
da-a-mi-ran be-al-ma,

ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

ALEINU

All Rise

עלינו

עֲלֵינוּ לְשֹׁבַח לְאֲדוֹן הַכֹּל, לְתֵית גְּדֻלָּה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית,
 שְׁלֹא עֲשָׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאָרְצוֹת, וְלֹא שָׁמְנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאֶדְ
 מָה; שְׁלֹא שָׁם חִלְקֵנוּ כָּהֵם, וְגֵרְלָנוּ כְּכֹל־הַמוֹנִם.
 וְאַנְחָנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים לְפָנֶי מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי
 בְּמַעַל וְעַל־הָאָרֶץ מִתְחַת, אֵין עוֹד. “
 וְנֹאמַר: ”וְהָיָה יְיָ לְמֶלֶךְ עַל־כָּל־הָאָרֶץ; בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִהְיֶה
 יְיָ אֶחָד וְשְׁמוֹ אֶחָד.”

A-lei-nu le-sha-bei-ach la-a-don ha-kol,
 la-teit ge-du-lah le-yo-tseir be-rei-sheet,
 she-lo a-sa-nu ke-go-yei ha-a-ra-tsot,
 ve-lo sa-ma-nu ke-mish-pe-chot ha-a-da-mah;
 she-lo sam chel-kei-nu ka-hem,
 ve-go-ra-lei-nu ke-chol ha-mo-nam.
 Va-a-nach-nu ko-re-im u-mish-ta-cha-vim u-mo-dim
 li-fe-nei me-lech ma-le-chei ha-me-la-chim,
 ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.

She'hu noteh shama-yim v'yosed aretz, u'moshav
 y'karo bashama-yim mi'ma-al u'sh'chinat uzo b'gov'hei
 m'romim. Hu Eloheinu ein od, emet Malkenu, efes
 zulato. Kakatuv b'torato, v'yadata ha-yom v'hashevota
 el l'vavecha, ki Adonai Hu ha'Elohim bashama-yim
 mi'ma-al, v'al ha-aretz mitachat, ein od.

Ve-ne-e-mar: “Ve-ha-ya A-do-nai le-me-lech
 al kol ha-a-rets: ba-yom ha-hu yi-he-yeh
 a-do-nai e-chad u-she-mo e-chad”

make the most of our Philmont experience by practicing the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law at all times. Amen.

Oseh shalom bim-romav hu עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא
ya-aseh shalom aleinu v'al יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל־
kol Yisrael, v'imru. Amen. יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ. אָמֵן.

May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and on all the world. And we say: Amen

Al sh'loscha d'varim ha-olam עַל שְׁלוֹשָׁה דְּבָרִים הָעוֹלָם
omeid: Al ha-Torah v'al עוֹמֵד: עַל הַתּוֹרָה וְעַל
ha-avodah v'al g'milut הָעֲבוּדָה וְעַל גְּמִילוּת
chasadim. חֶסֶדִים.

The world stands on three things:

On the Torah, on divine service, and on deeds of loving kindness.

V'taheir libeinu l'ovd'cha וְטָהַר לִבֵּנוּ לְעַבְדְּךָ בְּאֵמֶת.
be-emet.

Purify our hearts to serve You sincerely.

Esa einai el heharim אֶשָּׂא עֵינַי אֶל הַהָרִים
Mei'ayin yavo ezri. מֵאֵינן יָבוֹא עֲזָרִי.
Ezri mei-im Hashem עֲזָרִי מֵעַם ה'
Oseh shamayim va-aretz. עוֹשֶׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ.

I will lift my eyes to the hills
From where comes my help.
My help comes from Adonai
Who made heaven and earth.

For Sabbath Morning

יְשֻׁמְחוּ בְּמַלְכוּתְךָ שׁוֹמְרֵי שַׁבָּת וְקוֹרְאֵי עֲנֹג. עִם מְקַדְּשֵׁי
 שְׁבִיעִי, כְּלָם יִשְׁבְּעוּ וְיִתְעַנְּגוּ מִטּוֹבְךָ. וּבְשִׁבְעֵי רְצִית
 בּוֹ וְקַדְּשֵׁתוּ, חֲמִידַת יָמִים אוֹתוֹ קָרָאתָ, זְכוֹר לְמַעֲשֵׂה
 בְּרֵאשִׁית.

Those who celebrate Shabbat rejoice in Your sovereignty, hallowing the seventh day, called it delight. All of them truly enjoy Your goodness. For it pleased You to sanctify the seventh day, calling it the most desirable day, a reminder of Creation.

For Sabbath Afternoon

You are One, Your name is One, and who is like Your people Israel, unique throughout the world? Singular splendor, crown of salvation, a day of rest and sanctity You have given to Your people. Abraham was glad, Isaac rejoiced, Jacob and his children found rest on this day, a rest reflecting Your lavish love and true faithfulness, in peace and tranquility, contentment and quietude, a perfect rest in which You delight. May Your children acknowledge You as their source of rest, and through their rest may they sanctify Your name.

READ TOGETHER

Ever-living God, we raise up our voices in thanksgiving for the blessings we enjoy. We are thankful for the consideration, kindness, and love of parents. Help us, O God, to be worthy of the opportunities we are given. May we always show appreciation for all the sacrifices made for our sake. Teach us to play fairly, to advance the cause of the oppressed and to lift the hands of the weak. Help us to express our thanksgiving, not only in words, but also with deeds of goodness and truth. Give us the wisdom to

Evening

אַתָּה קְדוֹשׁ וְשִׁמְךָ קְדוֹשׁ וְקְדוּשֵׁים בְּכָל-יּוֹם יְהַלְלוּךָ
סְלָה. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי הָאֵל הַקְּדוֹשׁ:

Eternal is Your might, O God, all life is Your gift; great is Your power to save!

With love You sustain the living, with great compassion give life to all. You send help to the falling and healing to the sick; You bring freedom to the captive and keep faith with those who sleep in the dust.

Who is like You, Master of Might? Who is Your equal, O God of life and death, Source of salvation? Blessed is the Eternal, the Source of life.

You are holy, Your name is holy, and Your holy ones praise you daily. Praised are You, O Eternal, the holy God.

For Friday Evening

אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, רְצֵה בְּמִנוּחֹתֵינוּ. קְדָשְׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ וְתֵן חֵלְקֵנוּ בְּתוֹרַתְךָ, שְׂבַעֲנוּ מְטוֹבֶךָ וְשִׁמְחֵנוּ
בִּישׁוּעֹתֶיךָ, וְטַהַר לִבֵּנוּ לְעִבְדֶּךָ בְּאַמֶּת. וְהִנְחִילֵנוּ יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרַצוֹן שֶׁבֶת קְדֻשְׁךָ, וְיִנּוּחוּ בָּהּ יִשְׂרָאֵל
מִקְדָּשֵׁי שִׁמְךָ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת.

Our God and God of our ancestors, accept our Shabbat offering of rest. Add holiness to our lives and Your mitzvot and let Your Torah be our portion. Fill our lives with Your goodness, and gladden us with Your triumph. Cleanse our hearts and we shall serve You faithfully. Lovingly and willingly, Adonai our God, grant that we inherit Your holy gift of Shabbat forever, so that Your people Israel who hallow Your name will always find rest on this day. Praised are You, Adonai who hallows Shabbat.

Giver of loving kindness and Master of all things, You remember the faithfulness of our ancestors, and in love bring redemption to their children's children for the sake of Your name.

You are our Sovereign and our Help, our Savior and our Shield.

Blessed is the Eternal, the Shield of Abraham.

GOD'S POWER

גבורות

אֶתְּהָ גִבּוֹר לְעוֹלָם, אֲדֹנָי, מַחִיָּה מֵתִים (הַכֹּל) אֶתְּהָ, רַב
 לְהוֹשִׁיעַ.
 מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶסֶד, מַחִיָּה מֵתִים (הַכֹּל) בְּרַחֲמִים
 רַבִּים. סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים, וְרוֹפֵא חוֹלִים, וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים,
 וּמְקַיֵּם אֲמוּנָתוֹ לִישְׁנֵי עֶפְרַיִם.
 מִי כְמוֹךָ, בְּעַל גְּבוּרוֹת, וּמִי דוֹמֶה לָּךְ, מְלֶךְ מִמִּית
 וּמַחִיָּה וּמְצַמִּיחַ יְשׁוּעָה
 וְנֶאֱמָן אֶתְּהָ לְהַחֲיוֹת מֵתִים (הַכֹּל). בָּרוּךְ אַתְּהָ, יְיָ,
 מַחִיָּה הַמֵּתִים (הַכֹּל).

A-ta gi-bor le-o-lam, A-do-nai, me-cha-yei mei-tim (ha-kol) a-ta, rav le-ho-shi-a.

Me-chal-kei cha-yim be-che-sed,
 me-cha-yei mei-tim (ha-kol) be-ra-cha-mim ra-bim.
 So-meich no-fe-lim, ve-ro-fei cho-lim,
 u-ma-tir a-su-rim, u-me-ka-yeim
 e-mu-na-to li-shei-nei a-far.

Mi cha-mo-cha, ba-al ge-vu-rot, u-mi do-meh lach,
 me-lech mei-mit u-me-cha-yeh u-mats-mi-ach ye-shu-
 a?

Ve-ne-e-man a-ta le-ha-cha-yot ha-kol.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai, me-cha-yei mei-tim (ha-kol).

AMIDA

All Rise

A-do-nai, se-fa-tai tif-tach, u-fi תפלה
ya-gid te-hi-la-te-cha. אֲדֹנָי, שְׁפָתַי תִּפְתָּח, וּפִי
יְגִיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ.

Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare
Your glory.

GOD OF ALL GENERATIONS

אבות
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם,
אֱלֹהֵי
לְצַחַק וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב: הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל, הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל
עֲלִיוֹן.
גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חֲסָדֵי אֲבוֹת,
וּמְבִיא
גּוֹאֵל לְבָנֵי בְנֵיהֶם, לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ, בְּאַהֲבָה.
מְלַךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגֵּן. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, מֶגֶן אַבְרָהָם.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu vei-lo-hei
a-vo-tei-nu, E-lo-hei Av-ra-ham, E-lo-hei
Yits-chak, vei-lo-hei Ya-a-kov: ha-eil ha-ga-dol,
ha-gi-bor ve-ha-no-ra, Eil el-yon,

go-meil cha-sa-dim to-vim, ve-ko-nei ha-kol,
ve-zo-cheir cha-se-dei a-vot, u-mei-vi go-el
li-ve-nei ve-nei-hem, le-ma-an she-mo, be-a-ha-va.
Me-lech o-zeir u-mo-shi-a u-ma-gein.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai, ma-gein Av-ra-ham.

We praise You, Eternal our God and God of our ances-
tors: God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob: great,
mighty, and awesome God, most high.

u-ve-shoch-be-cha u-ve-ku-me-cha.

U-ke-shar-tam le-ot al ya-de-cha, ve-ha-yu le-to-ta-fot
bein ei-ne-cha

U-che-tav-tam al me-zu-zot bei-te-cha u-vish-a-re-cha.

You shall love Adonai your God with all your mind, with
all your strength, with all your being.

Set these words which I command you this day upon
your heart. Teach them faithfully to your children; speak
of them in your home and on your way, when you lie
down and when you rise up.

Bind them as a sign upon your hand; let them be a sym-
bol before your eyes; inscribe them on the doorposts of
your house, and on your gates.

Mi cha-mo-cha ba-ei-lim, מִי־כַמְכָּה בְּאֵלִים, יְיָ?
A-do-nai?

Mi ka-mo-cha, ne-dar מִי כַמְכָּה, נֶאֱדָר בְּקֹדֶשׁ,
ba-ko-desh,

no-ra te-hi-lot, o-sei fe-leh? נוֹרָא תְהִלֹּת, עֹשֶׂה פְלֵאָה?

Who is like You, Eternal One, among
the gods that are worshipped?

Who is like You, Majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

שִׁירָה הַדְּשָׁה שֶׁבָּחוּ גְאוּלִים לְשִׁמְךָ עַל־שְׂפֹת הַיָּם; יַחַד
כָּלֵם הוֹדוּ וְהִמְלִיכוּ וְאָמְרוּ: "יְיָ יִמְלֹךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!"

As our ancestors trusted in You dear God, may we also
trust in your salvation.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, גֵּאֹל יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Have compassion upon us, O Source of mercy, and guide us to know and understand, learn and teach, observe and uphold with love all the teachings of Your Torah.

Enlighten us with Your Teaching, help us to hold fast to Your Mitzvot, and unite our hearts to love and revere Your name. Then shall we never be shamed, for we shall put our trust in You, the great, holy, and awesome One. We shall rejoice and be glad in Your salvation, for You, O God, are the Author of many deliverances. In love You have chosen us and drawn us near to You to serve You in faithfulness and to proclaim Your unity.

Blessed is the Eternal Who in love has chosen the people Israel for service.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד!

She-ma Yis-ra-eil A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, A-do-nai e-chad!

Hear, O Israel: the Eternal is our God, the Eternal is one!

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלַכּוֹתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!

Ba-ruch sheim ke vod mal-chu-to le o lam va ed!

Praised be God's glorious sovereignty for ever and ever!

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ
 וּבְכָל-מְאֹדְךָ. וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ
 הַיּוֹם, עַל-לִבְבְּךָ. וְשָׁנַנְתָּם לְבִנְיָד, וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָּם בְּשַׁבְּתְךָ
 בְּבֵיתְךָ, וּבִלְכַתְךָ בַּדֶּרֶךְ, וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ.
 וְקִשְׁרָתָם לְאוֹת עַל-יָדְךָ, וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ,
 וְכִתְבָתָם עַל-מְזוֹזוֹת בְּיַתְדְךָ, וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ.

Ve-a-hav-ta eit A-do-nai E-lo-he-cha, be-chol le-va-ve-cha, u-ve-chol naf-she-cha, u-ve-chol me-o-de-cha.

Ve-ha-yu ha-de-va-rim ha-ei-leh, a-sher a-no-chi me-tsa-ve-cha ha-yom, al le-va-ve-cha.

Ve-shi-nan-tam

le-va-ne-cha, ve-di-bar-ta bam be-shiv-te-cha be-vei-te-cha u-ve-lech-te-cha va-de-rech,

How manifold are Your works, O God; in wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creations.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בְּדַבְּרוֹ
 מַעְרִיב עַרְבִים, בְּחֶכְמָה פּוֹתַח שְׁעָרִים, וּבְתַבּוּנָה מְשַׁנֶּה
 עֵתִים, וּמַחְלִיף אֶת־הַזְּמַנִּים, וּמַסְדֵּר אֶת־הַכּוֹכָבִים
 בְּמִשְׁמְרוֹתֵיהֶם בְּרָקִיעַ כְּרַצוֹנוֹ. בּוֹרֵא יוֹם וְלַיְלָה, גּוֹלֵל
 אוֹר מִפְּנֵי חֹשֶׁךְ וְחֹשֶׁךְ מִפְּנֵי אוֹר, וּמַעְבִּיר יוֹם וּמְבִיא
 לַיְלָה, וּמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לַיְלָה, יי צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ. אֵל
 חַי וְקַיִם, תָּמִיד יִמְלוֹךְ עָלֵינוּ, לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
 בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, הַמַּעְרִיב עַרְבִים.

Praised be the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, whose word brings the evening dusk. You open the gates of dawn with wisdom, change the day's divisions with understanding, set the succession of seasons and arrange the stars in the sky according to Your will. You create day and night, rolling light away from darkness and darkness away from light. Eternal God, Your rule shall embrace us forever. Praised are You, God, for each evening's dusk.

אֶהְבֵּת עוֹלָם בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמָּךְ אֶהְבֵּת: תּוֹרָה וּמִצְוֹת,
 חֻקִּים וּמִשְׁפָּטִים אוֹתָנוּ לַמִּדָּת.
 עַל־כֵּן, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּשִׂכְכֵנוּ וּבְקוּמָנוּ נִשְׁיחַ בְּחֻקֶיךָ,
 וְנִשְׁמַח בְּדַבְּרֵי תוֹרָתְךָ וּבְמִצְוֹתֶיךָ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
 כִּי הֵם חַיֵּינוּ וְאֲרָךְ יָמֵינוּ, וּבָהֶם נִהְיֶה יוֹמָם וְלַיְלָה.
 וְאֶהְבֵּתְךָ אֶל־תִּסִּיר מִמֶּנּוּ לְעוֹלָמִים! בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי,
 אוֹהֵב עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Deep is Your love for us, O Eternal our God, and great is Your compassion. Our Maker and Sovereign, our ancestors trusted You, and You taught them the laws of life: be gracious now to us, and teach us.

Your sovereignty is everlasting.
Your dominion endures for all generations.

God supports all who stumble,
and raises all who are bowed down.

All eyes look hopefully to You, to receive their food in
due time.

You open Your hand, and Your favor sustains all the
living.

In all His paths God is faithful; in all His deeds He is
loving.

God is near to all who call, to all who call upon Him in
truth.

God fulfills the desire of those who revere Him;
God hears their cry and delivers them.

All who love God He preserves, but all the wicked He
destroys.

My mouth shall praise God.
Let all flesh praise God's name throughout all time.

Psalm 145

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, יוֹצֵר אוֹר וּבּוֹרֵא חֹשֶׁךְ,
עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם וּבּוֹרֵא אֶת־הַכֹּל.

Praised be the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
who makes light and creates darkness, who ordains
peace and fashions all things.

With compassion God gives light to the earth and all who
dwell there; with goodness God renews the work of crea-
tion continually, day by day.

Blessed are they who dwell in Your house;
they shall praise You forever.

Psalm 84:5

Blessed the people who are so favored;
blessed the people whose God is the Lord.

Psalm 144:15

I glorify You, my God, my Sovereign; I praise You
throughout all time.

Every day do I praise You, exalting Your glory forever.

Great is God, and praiseworthy;
His greatness exceeds definition.

One generation lauds Your works to another,
declaring Your mighty deeds.

They tell of Your wonders, and of Your glorious splendor.

They speak of Your greatness, and of Your awesome
power.

They recall Your goodness; they sing of Your faithfulness.

Gracious and compassionate is God;
patient, and abounding in love.

God is good to all; His compassion embraces all.

All of Your creatures shall praise You;
the faithful shall repeatedly bless You.

They shall describe Your glorious sovereignty,
declaring Your power.

And people will know of Your might,
the splendor of Your dominion.

SING

Hi-nei ma-tov u-ma na-im הנה מה־טוב ומה־נעים
 she-vet a-chim gam ya- שֶׁבֶת אַחִים גַּם יַחַד.
 chad.

How good it is, and how pleasant, when brothers and sisters live together in unity.

אֲשֶׁרִי יוֹשְׁבֵי בֵיתְךָ, עוֹד יִהְלְלוּךָ סֵלָה.
 אֲשֶׁרִי הָעַם שֶׁכָּכָה לוֹ, אֲשֶׁרִי הָעַם שֶׁיְהוּהוּ אֱלֹהָיו.
 תְּהִלָּה לְדָוִד.
 אַרְוֹמְמֶךָ אֱלֹהֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ, וְאַבְרַכָּה שְׁמֶךָ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
 בְּכָל־יּוֹם אֲבָרְכֶךָ, וְאַהֲלִלָה שְׁמֶךָ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
 גְּדוֹל יְהוָה וּמְהִל מְאֹד, וְלִגְדַלְתָּנוּ אִין חֶקֶר.
 דּוֹר לְדוֹר יִשְׁבַח מַעֲשֶׂיךָ, וְגִבּוֹרֹתֶיךָ יִגִּידוּ.
 הַדָּר כְּבוֹד הַהוֹדָךְ, וְדַבְרֵי נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ אֲשִׁיחָה.
 וְעִזּוֹ נוֹרְאוֹתֶיךָ יֹאמְרוּ, וְגִדְלָתְךָ אֶסְפְּרָנָה.
 זָכַר רַב טוֹבְךָ יִבְיָעוּ, וְצִדְקָתְךָ יִרְנְנוּ.
 חֲנוּן וְרַחוּם יְהוָה, אַרְךָ אַפִּים וְגִדְל־חֶסֶד.
 טוֹב יְהוָה לְכָל, וְרַחֲמָיו עַל כָּל־מַעֲשָׂיו.
 יוֹדוּךָ יְהוָה כָּל־מַעֲשֶׂיךָ, וְחִסְדֶּיךָ יִבְרַכְכָּה.
 כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתְךָ יֹאמְרוּ, וְגִבּוֹרֹתֶיךָ יִדְבְּרוּ.
 לְהוֹדִיעַ לְבַנְיֵי הָאָדָם גִּבּוֹרֹתָיו, וְכְבוֹד הַדָּר מַלְכוּתוֹ.
 מַלְכוּתְךָ מַלְכוּת כָּל־עֲלָמִים, וּמִמְשַׁלְתְּךָ בְּכָל־דּוֹר וָדָר.
 סוֹמֵךְ יְהוָה לְכָל־הַנְּפֹלִים, וְזוֹקֵף לְכָל־הַכְּפוּפִים.
 עֵינֵי כָל אֱלֹיִךְ יִשְׁבְּרוּ, וְאַתָּה נוֹתֵן לָהֶם אֶת־אֲכָלָם
 בְּעֵתוֹ.
 פּוֹתַח אֶת־יְדְּךָ, וּמִשְׁבִּיעַ לְכָל־חַי רְצוֹן.
 צַדִּיק יְהוָה בְּכָל־דְּרָכָיו, וְחֹסִיד בְּכָל־מַעֲשָׂיו.
 קָרוֹב יְהוָה לְכָל־קֹרְאָיו, לְכָל אֲשֶׁר יִקְרָאֵהוּ בְּאֵמֶת.
 רְצוֹן יִרְאִיו יַעֲשֶׂה, וְאֶת־שׁוֹעֲתָם יִשְׁמַע וְיוֹשִׁיעֵם.
 שׁוֹמֵר יְהוָה אֶת־כָּל־אֲהַבָּיו, וְאֶת כָּל־הַרְשָׁעִים יִשְׁמִיד.
 □ תְּהִלַּת יְהוָה יִדְבֵר פִּי,
 וַיְבָרֶךְ כָּל־בֶּשֶׂר שֵׁם קִדְשׁוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
 וְאַנְחֵנוּ נִבְרַךְ יְהוָה, מִעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם. הַלְלוּיָהּ.

DAILY WORSHIP SERVICE

O God, it is not easy to pray,
And yet I pray that these few moments
Will somehow bring me closer to You.

READ RESPONSIVELY OR TOGETHER

“The Torah is a tree of life to them that hold fast to it.”

Because a Scout is reverent, a Scout strives to be true to God, to study the Torah, and to live according to its commands.

“Seek the peace of the city and pray unto God for it; for in the peace of it shall you have peace.”

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“All Jews are mindful of the well-being of one another.”

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“Honor your father and your mother that your days may be long upon the land.”

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“Oh, how good it is, and how pleasant, for friends to dwell together in unity.”

Because a Scout is reverent, he or she strives to be a good Scout, a good Jew, and a good American at all times.

TIMES OF OBSERVANCE

Prayer during the Jewish day is divided into three major periods, and there are prayer services which correspond to each of these periods. Morning prayers (Shacharit) are recited from the predawn hour when one can differentiate color using natural light through the first half of the day. Afternoon prayers (Mincha) are recited from half-way through the day until sunset, and evening prayers (Maariv) are said from sunset until the rise of the morning star. Prayers are also recited whenever appropriate for experiencing natural wonders as well as for receiving nourishment. The Jewish Sabbath is observed from 18 minutes prior to sunset on Friday (candle-lighting time) until one hour after sunset on Saturday night.

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CHAPLAIN AIDE DUTIES

- Encourage members of your unit to strengthen their own relationships with God through personal prayer, devotions, and participation in activities of their faith group.
- Teach a table prayer to members of your unit and use it for all meals.
- Encourage unit members to attend services at their place of worship or in camp.
- Provide information on the Religious Emblems Program.
- At all times, set the example for the other boys through your conduct.
- Review a copy of the *Manual for Chaplain Aides and Chaplains* found at:

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