
Scouts Own

A Scout is reverent toward God.
He is faithful in his religious duties.
He respects the beliefs of others.

Today we take a few minutes to show our reverence...

Prayer

God, sometimes I hold something small in my hand - a rock or a budding twig, and - peering closely at this tiny world - I feel a sudden wonder. Help me to remember that you made these worlds, and countless others, and - in remembering - come closer to you. O God, we thank Thee today for the world in which you have placed us; for the universe whose vastness is revealed in the blue depths of the sky; whose immensities are lit by shining stars beyond the strength of mind to follow. We thank you for the beauty of our earth, for the sweetness of the flowers, the sound of streams, for mighty mountains which rest and satisfy the soul, the purity of dawn which calls us to holy dedication, and the peace of the evening which speaks of everlasting rest. Above all, we thank you for the dignity you have bestowed upon every human being as the crown of your Creation. Give us the grace to let the light of your glory shine through us, in our action, words and thoughts. Amen.

A few thoughts...

Silent Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord, We thank you for letting us come once again to marvel at your creations. We hope that those in the group who are new to this activity will leave with the same sense of wonder that we always feel as we step into these majestic mountains.

We treat these activities as fun, but always with a sense of wonder at the thousands of years required to create even the smallest of things at which we look. Help us to preserve your work, both for ourselves and for future generations. Amen.

Graces

For health and friends
And daily food
We give thee thanks, O Lord.

We thank you, God, for happy hearts,
For fine and sunny weather;
We thank you, God, for this our food,
And that we are together.

For every cup and plateful,
God make us truly grateful.

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

Closings

Once you have been a camper,
Something has come to stay;
Something has come that nothing
Will ever take away.
We came as strangers, we became friends, we part as brothers.

A Hiking Prayer

Master of the Universe
Grant me the ability to be alone;
May it be my custom to go outdoors each day
Among the trees and grass, among all living things.
And there may I be alone, and enter into prayer,
To talk with the one to whom I belong.
May I express there everything in my heart,
And may all the foliage of the field
(All grasses, trees, and plants)
May they all awake at my coming,
To send the powers of their life into the words of my prayer
So that my prayer and speech are made whole
Through the life and the spirit of all growing things,
Which are made as one by their transcendent source.

Creator Spirit, Come

O God, Creator of lakes and dunes
Help us to feel your spirit
In the beauty of nature around us:

Make us calm and,
In the quiet, speak to us:

Help us to listen;
We have so much to learn from you
And also from one another:

Help us to celebrate
Your presence among us,
And to work together in your name.

God's Great Outdoors <- Favorite, form circle, face out

There is a place on earth for us,
Where sparkling water pours,
O'er rocks and sands of wilderness;
It's called God's great outdoors.

Here is the home of fighting fish,
Dens where the bruin snores,
Huge mountain crests where eagles seek
To share God's great outdoors.

Yes, here is where the wild game roams,
Where gypsy bird life soars.
Where the sun, the wind, the rain, and snow
Meet in God's great outdoors.

Here's where the din of raging storms
Is hushed by tranquil shores,
Where life and death are next of kin,
Mixed in God's great outdoors.

'Neath These Tall Green Trees

'Neath these tall green trees we stand,
Asking blessings from His hand.
Thanks we give to Thee above,
For health, strength, and thy love.

Nature & I

I am part of Nature.
I am part of everything that lives.
I am bound together with all living things in air, in land, in water.
My life depends on Nature - upon its balance, upon its resources
and upon the continuity of both.
To destroy them is to destroy myself.
As a member of the human race, I am responsible for its survival.
I am a part of Nature. I will not destroy it.

Mountain Meadows Grace

We thank the Lord for the food we eat,
For camping fun and the friends we meet,
For the rushing streams and the calm cool breeze,
For lovely meadows and tall green trees.

Thank You For The World So Sweet

Thank you for the world so sweet
thank you for the food we eat
thank you for the birds that sing
thank you God for everything.

For Food

For food and all Thy gifts of love
We give Thee thanks and praise
Look down O Lord from above
And bless us all our days.

Bless

Bless O Lord this food to our use,
And us to Thy service.

An Old Irish Blessing <- Parting

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind always be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May god hold you in the palm of his hand.