

TROOP 14 BOOK OF PRAYER



MEAL TIME GRACE

Philmont Grace

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

Northern Tier Grace

For food, for raiment,
For life and opportunity,
For sun and rain,
For water and portage trails,
For friendship and fellow ship,
We thank Thee, Oh Lord.
Amen

Summit Grace

For this time and this place,
For Your goodness and grace,
For each friend we embrace,
We thank Thee, Oh Lord.
Amen

Sea Base Grace

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

Scout's Grace

Let us be thankful for the food and drinks we are about to receive before us.
Let us be thankful for the shelter that protects us while we sleep at night.
Let us be thankful for the water that rejuvenates our mind, body & soul.
Let us be thankful for the earth we walk on and the air we breathe.
Let us be thankful for the fire that keeps us warm and gives us light.
Let us be thankful for natural surroundings that give the earth beauty and life.
Let us be thankful for the family and friends that are helpful when we need them the most.
Let us be thankful for the staff and leaders that lead us on our way.

Amen

World Hunger Grace

For food in a world where many walk in hunger,
For faith in a world where many walk in fear,
For friends in a world where many walk alone,
We give you humble thanks, oh Lord.

Johnny Appleseed Grace

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

Short Graces

- For health, strength, and daily food, we give you thanks, o Lord.
- For food, health, and friendship, we give you thanks, o Lord.
- Come, o Lord, be our guest and bless what you have bestowed on us
- For this and all your mercies, Lord, make us truly grateful.
- Gracious giver of all good, we thank you for food and rest. Grant all we say or do pleases you.
- For every cup and plateful, God make us truly grateful.
- 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 health and strength and daily food we praise your name oh Lord.

Breakfast Prayer

Dear Lord. Keep us from being like porridge slow to boil and hard to stir. Make us like corn flakes always prepared and ready to serve!

Eagle Thanks

(Tune: Oobla-de, Oobla-da)

Eagle thanks the Lord for the Mountains. Fish thanks the Lord for the sea.
We thank the Lord for our blessings, For what we are about to receive.

World So Sweet Grace

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.

Gilwell Grace

Oh Lord, the giver of all good. We thank thee, for our daily food. May Scouting friends, and Scouting ways. Help us to serve thee all our days. Amen.

Superman Grace

Thank you Lord, for giving us food
(actions: raise right arm overhead as Superman flying)
Thank you Lord, for giving us food
(actions: raise left arm flying)
For the food that we eat
(actions: standing with both arms over head, to the left)
For the friends that we meet
(actions: standing with both arms over head, to the right)
Thank you Lord, for giving us food!
(actions: move both hands in fists to hips and stand strong like Superman)

Beneath These Tall Green Trees Grace

Beneath these tall green trees we stand,
Asking blessings from Thy hand.
Thanks we give to thee above,
For Thy help and strength and love.

Scout Camp Grace

Morning -
Gracious giver of all good,
Thee we thank for rest and food,
Grant that all we do or say,
In thy service be this day. Amen

Noon -
Father for this noontime meal,
We wish to speak the thanks we feel,
Health and strength we have from thee,
Help us lord to faithful be. Amen

Evening -
Tireless guardian on our way,
Thou has kept us well this day,
While we thank thee we request,
Care continue, pardon rest. Amen

Simple Thanks Grace

Thank the Lord for the food we eat,
For camping fun and scouts we meet,
For rushing streams and calm cool breeze,
For rolling meadows and tall green trees.

Be Present at Our Table Lord

Be present at our table Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored,
Thy mercies bless and grant that we,
May strengthened for Thy service be.
Amen.

SCOUTING PRAYERS

A Scout's Prayer by Lord Baden-Powell

A Scout's Prayer

Our Father, make us Trustworthy, for there are those who trust us.

Make us Loyal, for through loyalty we reach our highest ideals.

Teach us to be Helpful, for through helpfulness do we forget our selfness.

Make us Friendly, for there are so many who need a friend.

Train us in Courtesy, for courtesy is the carpet on life's floor.

Make us kind for kindness is the oil in the cogs of life's machinery.

Insist upon our Obedience, for victory comes only to him who obeys.

Make us Cheerful, for cheerfulness is the green grass among the rocks in the path of life.

Train us in Thrift, for thrifty habits brighten our future.

Make us Brave; brave in the dark and brave in the light; but save us from becoming fakers in bravery.

Help us to be Clean – clean in thoughts, in speech, and in deed. And may we remember that our bodies are Thy holy temples, and that any abuse thereof is to tamper with Thy Great Plans.

Above all, O God, help us to be Reverent toward all things which Thou hast made for our enjoyment when we are in Thy great out-of-doors, among the trees, along the streams, and on the Hillsides. May we know it was Thee who made the waters to flow, the trees to reach heavenward, the mountains to endure to all ages.

In all these things we ask that Thou wilt help us. And may we never forget the Scout Oath to which we all have pledged ourselves, so that through Thy help we may live these points of our Scout Law.

Amen

A SCOUT'S PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for this day.

Help us to do our best every day,

And forgive us when we slip.

Teach us to be kind to other people
and to help them at all times

Bless our parents and teachers and leaders
and all the members of Scouting

Bless us, Lord in your love for us

Help us to be a better Scouts

and let us do our best for you. Amen

A SCOUT'S PRAYER

Dear God,

Help to keep my honor bright
And teach me that integrity of character
Is my most priceless possession.

Grant that I may do my best today,
And strive to do even better tomorrow.

Teach me that duty is a friend and not an enemy,
And help me face even the most disagreeable task cheerfully.

Give me the faith to understand my purpose and life,
Open my mind to the truth and fill my heart with love.

I am thankful for all the blessings you have bestowed upon my country.
Help me to do my duty to my country and
To know that a good nation must be made from good men.

Help me to remember my obligation to obey the Scout Law,
And give me understanding, so that it is more than mere words.

May I never tire of the joy of helping other people or
Look the Other way when someone is in need.

You have given me the gift of a body,
Make me wise enough to keep it health,
That I might serve better.

You are the source of all wisdom,
Help me to have an alert mind,
Teach me to think,
And help me to learn discipline.

In all that I do and in every challenge I face,
Help me to know the difference between right and wrong,
And lead me in obedience on a straight path to a worthy goal.

By Michael F. Bowman

A SCOUT'S PRAYER

We have hiked along life's pathway,
Our packs upon our backs,
We have pitched our tents and rested
Here and there along the tracks.
We have used our compass wisely
To guide us on our way
And hope to reach the campsite
Of our Great Chief Scout some day.

We have tried to be trustworthy -
Kept our honor high and clean,
We have been as loyal as any
To our Country and our Queen.
We have done our best at all times -
Kept our Promise - been prepared,
And hope our good deeds please Him
When at last our souls are bared.

We have lightened others' burdens,
With our smiles along the way,
We have kept our hand in God's hand,
Walked beside Him day by day.
And when our span of life runs out,
We'll make this gentle plea -
May we sit around His Campfire
At the Final Jamboree.

From Scouting in New South Wales

Scout Law Prayer

When facing deceit and dishonesty, let us be Trustworthy.
If we see hypocrisy and faithlessness, let us be Loyal.
Where disregard of others and mere materialism prevail, let us be Helpful.
When we find people in despair, let us be Friendly.
In an atmosphere of ill manner, let us be Courteous.
Where some measure manliness in brutality and crudeness, let us be Kind.
Though lawbreaking and rule-scoffing are common, let us be Obedient.
While others grumble and grouch, let us be Cheerful.
In an environment blighted by waste and extravagance, let us be Thrifty.
When confronted with danger and temptation, let us be Brave.
As we see filth and pollution everywhere, let us be Clean.
While witnessing impiety, let us remember to be Reverent.
In short, in a world that has for generation after generation lamented the lack of
good examples, let us, as Scouts, stand out, grow up, and be real adults.
Amen.

Camper's Prayer

God of the mountains and hills, make me tall and strong; Tall enough and strong enough to right some wrong. God of the stars, make me steadfast and sure; God of every lake and stream, flow through my life and make it clean. Let me do nothing base or mean.

God of the trees and woods, keep me fresh and pure; God of the rain, wash from my life all dirt and stain; Pure and strong let me remain.

God of the seed and soil, plant in my heart Thy love; God of the darkness and day, through shadows or light, by my stay. Guide Thou my way.

God of the radiant sun, light Thou my life; God of the glorious dawn, make each day a fresh start; God of the evening peace and quiet, keep me free from fear and strife.

God of the surging waves and sea, wide horizons give to me; Help me to see the world as Thou wouldst have it be; God of the morning dew, each day my faith renews. God of all growing things, keep me growing too.

-George Earle Owen

Do All The Good You Can

Do all the good you can

By all the means you can

In all the ways you can

At all the times you can

In all the places you can

To all the people you can

As long as ever you can

CLOSING / BENEDICTIONS

Scout Vespers

Softly falls the light of day
As our campfire fades away
Silently each Scout should ask
Have I done my daily task
Have I kept my honor bright
Can I guiltless sleep tonight
Have I done and have I dared
Everything to be prepared?

Taps

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

Campfire Closing Prayer

As our campfire fades, we thank you for the joys and blessings of this day. We lift our minds and hearts to you in gratitude for life, happiness, and the Scouting movement. Lord, protect our camp this night. May we rise refreshed and ready to serve you. Amen.

Scout Benediction

May the great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us until we meet again.

Simple Blessing

May you walk in peace, live with love, work with joy, and may your God go with you.

Prayer of Thanks

God of Creation, we thank You for the good gifts of life; for shelter at night, for the food we eat, for the clothing and comforts we enjoy in abundance. We thank You for the richness of the earth and this universe which nourishes us and sustains us, delights us and speaks to us of Your love and concern. Help us to be more worthy builders and users of these resources, more grateful participants with You in all that is creative and conserving in our world. Amen.

Benediction: (In unison) The Lord bless us and keep us; The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us and give us peace. Amen.

REVERENCE AROUND THE WORLD

Prayer for Peace

God, make me an instrument of Your Peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy;
That I may seek to console, rather than to be
consoled,
To understand rather than to be understood,
To love rather than to be loved:
For it is in giving that we receive,
In self-forgetfulness that we find our true selves,
In forgiving that we are forgiven:
God, make me an instrument of Your Peace.
-From the organizers of "A Million Minutes of
Peace"

God of the Universe

God of the universe, help us to see the hope of
a better future for all your people. Help us to rise
above our own likes and dislikes when there are
more important things to consider, and to play our
part in achieving some great good for our country
and for the world. Amen.

Gaelic Prayer

Be Thou a bright flame before me,
Be Thou a guiding star above me,
Be Thou a smooth path below me,
And be a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today, tonight and forever.

Great Spirit Prayer

"Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the wind,
Whose breath gives life to all the world. Hear me; I
need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever
behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands
respect the things you have made and my ears sharp
to hear your voice Make me wise so that I may
understand the things you have taught my people.

Help me to remain calm and strong in the face of
all that comes towards me. Let me learn the lessons
you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Help me seek pure thoughts and act with the
intention of helping others. Help me find
compassion without empathy overwhelming me.

I seek strength, not to be greater than my
brother, but to fight my greatest enemy
- Myself.

Wae Wae Non Ne Mot

Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin

"The Creator above is the Great Spirit and the
Great Mystery, His gifts are plentiful therefore you
want not. He holds out a branch of love and
protection and He draws you to where the ground is
undisturbed, where the air is pure and the water is
clear and clean enough to give life. You walk, you
breathe, you feed, for you are pleased. The times
when your heart is weak, your circle is out of balance,
He lifts you up again and draws you to the good
Menominee road, for He is strength and wisdom."
(part of The Menominee Version of the 23rd Psalm)

Black Elk: Holy Man of the Oglala

Sioux

"Grandfather, Great Spirit, once more behold me
on earth and lean to hear my feeble voice. You lived
first, and you are older than all need, older than all
prayer. All things belong to you -- the two-legged,
the four-legged, the wings of the air, and all green
things that live.

"You have set the powers of the four quarters of
the earth to cross each other. You have made me
cross the good road and road of difficulties, and
where they cross, the place is holy. Day in, day out,
forevermore, you are the life of things."

The Log in the Woods

The old log in the woods will never be a great tree again, things never go back, yet lying there, covered with

moss, it is creating new life, which in turn will be great and beautiful....

The fish eats the insect, the bird the fish, The mammal the bird, and the insect the mammal, as each, in

universal rhythm is creating new life, for there is no life except life which comes from life..

Waters flow where daisies grew, Trees grow where swans once swam

All things upon this earth are developing into new things, from what is here must come what is to be.... There

is no other material.

Gifts

The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness

to an opponent, tolerance

to a friend, understanding

to a child, a good example

to your father, deference

to you mother, conduct that will make her proud of you

to yourself, respect

to all men, charity.

-Arthur James Balfour

Clear Morning

My will slowly forces my resting eyes to peer into the land of the awake

The orange light through the tent shatters the work of my will by slamming my eyelids together.

I try again

Now, I am prepared

The morning is fresh and crisp clear

The sun dawns over the mountains reaching for the sky

The snow, white, clean glistens and shines

I walk to meet nature

The reunion lasts.....

-By Venturer Gavin De Lint

Good News

Everyone has inside himself a piece of good news.

The good news is that you really don't know....

How great you can be,

How much you can love,

What you can accomplish, or what your potential is.

How can you top good news like that?

-Anne Frank, From her diary

The Golden Principle

Blessed are those who prefer others before themselves. -- *Baha'i Faith*

Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful. -- *Buddhism*

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. -- *Christianity*

This is the sum of all duty: treat others as you yourself would be treated. -- *Hinduism*

No one of you is a believer until you desire for another that which you desire for yourself. -- *Islam*

In happiness and suffering, in joy and grief, regard all creatures as you would regard your own self. -- *Jainism*

What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. -- *Judaism*

Be not estranged from another for God dwells in every heart. -- *Sikhism*

Human nature is good only when it does not do unto another whatever is not good for its own self. --

Zoroastrianism

Servants

The true servants of the Gracious GOD are the following:

Those who walk upon earth with humility and when they are tempted by the evil ones, they respond: Peace;

Those who pass the hours of the night in prayers and standing before the Lord;

Those who pray: Lord turn away from us the punishments of hell, for it is a heavy torment, it is indeed an evil

dwelling place;

Those who are neither extravagant nor stingy in spending, but keep a balance between the two;

Those who repent and believe and do good deeds.

--*From the Koran, Al-Furqan, Part 19, Chapter 25*

Pure Thought

All that we are is the result of what we have thought: it is founded on our thoughts;

it is made up of our

thoughts. If a man speaks or acts with an evil thought, pain follows him as the wheel follows the foot of the ox that

draws the carriage.

All that we are is the result of what we have thought: it is founded on our thoughts;

it is made up of our

thoughts. If a man speaks or acts with an evil thought, pain follows him, like a shadow that never leaves him.

'He abused me, he beat me, he defeated me, he robbed me' -- in those who harbor such thoughts hatred will

never cease. For hatred does not cease by hatred at any time; hatred ceases by love - this is an old rule.

The world does not know that we must all come to an end here; but those who know it' their quarrels cease at

once.-- Buddhist Buddha from Sharing, p.20

Prayer of Saint Francis Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace!
Where there is hatred,
Let me bring love
Where there is wrong,
Let me bring the spirit of forgiveness
Where there is discord,
Let me bring harmony
Where there is error,
Let me bring truth
Where there is doubt,
Let me bring faith
Where there is despair,
Let me bring hope
Where there are shadows,
Let me bring light
Where there is sadness,
Let me bring joy.
Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort,
than to be comforted
To understand,
than to be understood
To love,
than to be loved.
For it is by self-forgetting that one finds.
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.
It is by dying that one awakens to
Eternal Life.

A Buddhist Prayer

May all beings have happiness and the causes of happiness; this is immeasurable loving kindness;
May all things be liberated from suffering and the causes of suffering; this is immeasurable compassion;
May all beings be free of suffering and always stay happy; this is immeasurable joy;
May all things be free of grasping and aversion toward others, and develop faith in the equality of all beings; this is immeasurable equanimity. *-The Four Immeasurable Vows, Tantric Buddhism*

A Navajo Prayer

Before me peaceful Behind me peaceful Under me peaceful Over me peaceful
Around me peaceful -Navajo prayer

A Muslim Prayer

Let the beauty we love be what we do. There are a hundred ways to kneel and kiss the ground. *-Rumi, a 7th century Sufi mystic*

Old Celtic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.

SOMEONE ASKED HIM, "WHEN WILL THE KINGDOM OF GOD COME?" AND HE SAID, "THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL NOT COME IF YOU WATCH FOR IT. NOR WILL ANYONE BE ABLE TO SAY, 'IT IS HERE' OR 'IT IS THERE.' FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU.

Jesus of Nazareth—Luke 17:20

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