

WOOD BADGE COURSE

INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(From the Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys and the Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls)*

Leader: A Scout is Reverent.

All: A Scout is reverent toward God.

Leader: A Scout is faithful fulfilling religious duties.

All: A Scout respects the belief of others.



OPENING PRAYER ***"A Muslim Prayer for Peace"***

O Allah unite our hearts and set aright our mutual affairs.

Guide us in the path of peace, liberate us from darkness by Your light,

Save us from enormities whether open or hidden.

Bless us in our ears, eyes, hearts, spouses, and children.

Turn to us; truly You are Oft-returning, Most Merciful,

Make us grateful for Your bounty and full of praise for it,

so that we may continue to receive it and complete Your blessing upon us.

OPENING SONG ***"Let There Be Peace on Earth"***

(by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller)

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our father, brothers all are we.

Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

PRAYER ***"A Buddhist Prayer—Offering the Mandala"***

The ground sprinkled with perfume and spread with flowers,

The Great Mountain, four lands, sun and moon,

Seen as a Buddha Land and offered thus,

May all beings enjoy such Pure Lands.

I offer without any sense of loss

The objects that give rise to my attachment, hatred, and confusion,

My friends, enemies, and strangers, our bodies and enjoyments;

Please accept these and bless me to be released directly
from the three poisons.

(The three poisons are greed, confusion, and ill will)

RESPONSIVE READING ***"The Scout Beatitudes"***

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them

All: for their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are led with patience and understanding

All: for they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communion

All: for they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth

All: for they shall search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God

All: for they will find God early and will walk with God through life.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are loved and know that they are loved

All: for they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.

PRAYER

"A Baha'i Prayer for Peace"

Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity.

Be fair in thy judgment, and guarded in thy speech.

Be a lamp unto those who walk in darkness, and a home to the stranger.

Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light unto the feet of the erring.

Be a breath of life to the body of human kind,

a dew to the soil of the human heart,

And a fruit upon the tree of humility.

SILENT REFLECTION

The Midrash Tehillim teaches: "When you pray, pray in the synagogue of your city; if you are unable to pray in the synagogue, pray in your field; if you are unable to pray in your field, pray in your home; if you are unable to pray in your home, pray on your couch; and, if you are unable to pray on your couch, meditate in your heart."

Let us now take time for personal meditation and to give time for God, each in our own faith and in our own way.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

PRAYER

"Hindu Prayer for the Unity of All Life"

May the winds, the oceans, the herbs, and night and days, the mother earth,
the father heaven, all vegetation, the sun, be all sweet to us.

Let us follow the path of goodness for all times,
like the sun and the moon moving eternally in the sky.

Let us be charitable to one another.

Let us not kill or be violent with one another.

Let us know and appreciate the points of view of others. And let us unite.



OFFERING *for the* WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND

The World Friendship Fund was developed by the Boy Scouts of America during the closing days of World War II. At the time, there was a great need to rebuild Scouting in nations that had been wracked by war and were just emerging from the shadows of totalitarianism. In the years that have elapsed, virtually every nation in the free world that has Scouting has been aided by the fund.

The World Friendship Fund of the BSA offers a practical Good Turn opportunity for BSA youth members and leaders. Cash contributions are

used to assist Scouting through the World Organization of the Scout Movement and through national Scout associations in developing countries. Unit participation in the World Friendship Fund offers a unique annual service project to benefit our brother and sister Scouts around the world.

ACT OF FRIENDSHIP

Let us greet one another with a sign of friendship.

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.*

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for the gift of Scouting and the opportunities to be together in service and in worship. We ask that you strengthen us and guide us, protect us and uphold us, and direct us as we strive to do our best for our youth. Be with us as we continue through our day, and keep our minds awake, open, and aware.

BENEDICTION

May the Great Master of all Scouts be with us until we meet again.

“A Scout Is Reverent”



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