

Reading

Prayer to the Great Spirit

Oh, Great Spirit who dwells in the sky,
Lead us to the path of peace and understanding.
Let all of us live together as brothers and sisters.
Our lives are so short here,
Walking upon Mother Earth's surface.
Let our eyes be opened to all the blessings you have
given us.
Please hear my prayers, Oh, Great Spirit.

Oh, Great Spirit
Whose voice I hear in the winds,
And whose breath gives life to all the world,
Hear me! I am small and weak,
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.
Let me learn the lessons you have
Hidden in every leaf and rock.

Inspirational Reading

Don't Quit

by: Unknown Author

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh.
When care is pressing you down a bit.
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns.
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out:
Don't give up though the pace seems slow -
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out -
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt.
And you never can tell how close you are.
It may be near when it seems so far:
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.



Call to Silent Prayer/Petitions

May the words of my mouth,
And the meditations of my heart,
Be acceptable in Thy sight O Lord,
My rock and my redeemer.

Let us each take a moment to meditate and pray in
silence,
Each as his heart moves him.

Benediction

An Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise up 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 friends,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palms of his hands.



Invocation

Teach me, Father, when I pray,
Not to ask for more.
But rather let me give my thanks
For what is at my door.
For food and drink, for gentle rain,
For sunny skies above,
For home and friends, for peace and joy,
But most of all for love.

Responsorial

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
Scouts: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Leader: For wind in whispering pines, for eagles
soaring high; for purple mountains rising
against an azure sky,
Scouts: 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 fall,
Scouts: We thank you O Lord.
Leader: As the sun rises over the quiet forest
pines, may your care and love for us in
actions shine.
Scouts: O Lord, walk with us along the trail. Amen

Call to Worship

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 is a great day!

Opening Song

This Land Is Your Land

Words and Music by Woody Guthrie

This land is your land, This land is my land
From California to the New York island;
From the red wood forest to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and Me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that endless skyway:
I saw below me that golden valley:
This land was made for you and me.

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;
And all around me a voice was sounding:
This land was made for you and me.

An Act of Friendship

As an act of friendship, please turn and greet your neighbor

Offering

For the World Friendship Fund, c/o BSA
International Division



Closing Song

God Bless America

God bless America, Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her,
Through the night with a 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!



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