

Scouts' Own Worship Service Nonsectarian and Interfaith Resources

Boy Scout Troop 149

PRAYERS

Canoeing Prayer

Lord, we will be canoeing today;
We shall be very busy;
If, during the course of the day
We forget about you,
Please don't forget about us.

Jamaican Camp Prayer

Lift up your hearts;
Hearts and minds and voices all give thanks
For this our bread;
Hearts and minds and voices all give thanks
For these our friends;
Hearts and minds and voices all give thanks
For this our camp;
Hearts and minds and voices all give thanks
For this our world;
Hearts and minds and voices all give thanks
We thank the Lord;
Hearts and minds and voices all give thanks

God of the Sea

God of the sea, the winds, the tides, we praise thee for the greatness of thy power and the certainty of thy laws. We see careless picnickers throw their litter to be carried far out into the sea by the outgoing tide, but the next morning it lies stranded on the beach where the high tide has left it.

So it is, our Father, in our lives. We throw out a careless word, an unkind thought, and it comes back to us in resentments and friendlessness. A selfish act, a yielding to temptation, or a deed left undone comes back as a haunting memory, another's failure, or a missed opportunity.

Help us, Our Father, to cast only good upon the waters that good may come back with the tide. Amen.

-Dorothy Wells Pease

God of the Open Air

God of the open air, we kneel reverently in this temple not made with hands.
The tall pines lift our thoughts above us to the Source of all this beauty.
The singing of the feather-throated choir puts a melody in our hearts, a song of joy and praise and trust.
All the discordant notes of the world are muted; all the problems of life are forgotten.
We are filled with an inner peace and know that here we have found Thee.
As we leave this hallowed spot, may the reality of Thy presence go with us to give us courage and strength
for our daily tasks.
Amen.
-- Dorothy Wells Pease

Prayer of Thanks Giving

We thank you today
For the adventure of Scouting,
For the unselfishness of parents,
For the patience of teachers
And for the encouragement of friends.

Silent Prayer For Our Brothers

B.P wrote:
First love and serve God.
Second love and serve your neighbor.
In doing you duty to God always be grateful to him.
Whenever you enjoy a pleasure or a good game, or succeed in doing a good thing,
Thank Him for it, if only with a word or two.
Let us each now say a silent prayer for our brother on our right... For our brother on our left...
And now for our brother Scouts around the world.

More Prayers to Think About

O God, Thou hast given so much to us, give one thing more - a grateful heart. Amen.
-George Herbert