

Unite the inhabitants of our country, whatever their origin and creed, into a bond of true friendship, to banish hatred and bigotry, and to safeguard our ideals and institutions of freedom.

May this land under Your providence be an instrument for peace throughout the world. Amen.

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 ocean, white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.
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Blessing/Benediction

May God bless us and protect us;
May God show us favor and be gracious to us;
May God show us kindness and grant us peace. Amen.



A SCOUT IS REVERENT



Thankfulness for America

Call to Worship

Eternal God, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise! (Psalm 51:15)

Opening Song – “America the Beautiful”

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Responsive Reading

“On My Honor” by Dr. Carroll Osburn, 1997

Leader: ON MY HONOR

Scouts: Almighty God, keep us always mindful that our honor is a possession to be cherished as dearly as life itself. Endow us with firmness of purpose and uncommon integrity that will enable us to fulfill those responsibilities with which we are charged. Make us ever conscious of the trust others have placed in us as Scouts.

Leader: TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD

Scouts: Creator of the universe, how often we forget the true source of life’s joys and pleasures. How often, too, have we failed to remember the origin of the inward strength, which has enabled us to be aware of Your continual presence in our daily lives. Help us to understand the more meaningful rewards of service in Your name.

Leader: AND MY COUNTRY

Scouts: We thank Thee, Almighty God, for the privilege of living in a country such as the United States of America. Keep foremost in our minds that the freedoms, which we enjoy, were bought through the unselfish sacrifices of those who have gone before us. As the strength of a country is in her people, let us never avoid our responsibility to maintain this nation as a beacon of hope and freedom to all mankind.

Meditation and Sharing

(The leader may offer a meditation at this time or invite sharing from others present or allow a few minutes for silent reflection.)

Time of Prayer

Prayer for our Country

Our God and God of our ancestors, we ask Your blessing upon our country, on the leaders of our nation, and on all who exercise rightful authority in our community.