

Litany for Scouting Sunday

Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, once said, "There is no religious side to the movement; the whole of it is based on religion, that is on the realization and service of God." Today scouting is an inclusive program that welcomes all. The values taught through the Scout Law are reflected in the sacred texts of many faiths and are universally recognized as worthy of honor. As we reflect on and consider our ongoing commitment to offer the best of scouting with integrity and compassion let's consider how the Scout Law aligns with the sacred texts of the Old and New Testament.

Leader: We share a common calling...

People: We are called to be trustworthy.

Leader: Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. – Luke 16:10

People: We are called to be loyal.

Leader: Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. – Proverbs 3:3

People: We are called to be helpful.

Leader: "In everything I have shown you that, by working hard, we must help the weak. In this way we remember the Lord Jesus' words: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" – Acts 20:35

People: We are called to be friendly.

Leader: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! – Psalm 133:1

People: We are called to be courteous.

Leader: Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. – Ephesians 4:29

People: We are called to be kind.

Leader: "Thus says the Lord of hosts: Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another – Zechariah 7:9

People: We are called to be obedient.

Leader: "Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work" – Titus 3:1

People: We are called to be cheerful.

Leader: A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit. – Proverbs 15:13

People: We are called to be thrifty.

Leader: "The wise are cautious and turn away from evil, but the fool throws off restraint and is careless." – Proverbs 14:16

People: We are called to be brave.

Leader: "Keep alert; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." – 1 Corinthians 16:13

People: We are called to be clean.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation. – Psalm 24:3-4

People: We are called to be reverent.

Leader: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. – Mark 12:30

People: Let us live as we are called to live, reflecting God's heart.