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For food, for freedom, for friends and family; we offer our satisfied hearts. Bless this food as we partake and share. Help us to be stronger from this gift and happier in our work. In you name we pray...AMEN

Dear Lord, when we are hungry, you feed us. When we are tired, you give us rest. When we are thirsty, you share with us the water of life. To you, O God, we give our thanks for all that you have provided. Let us enjoy these gifts and share in this feast with others...AMEN

O God, the harvest is ready and the feast if prepared. As guests we gather around to share in the banquet. We thank you Lord for these and all of your gifts. When we are full help us to remember our service to others as we give thanks to those that have served us today...AMEN

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SEA BASE PRAYER BOOKLET

SAILS AT DUSK

O God of hope and excitement, be with us as we start this journey to explore your gifts and discover ourselves. Guide our captain as s/he pilots the vessel for their duty is to you, others, and then himself. Guard our behavior for we are guests and this is your banquet. May the sails be strong, the breeze steady, the waters clear, and our efforts be one. For health, safety, and the joy of life be with us, O Lord...AMEN

KEYS BLESSING

Bless the creatures of the sea. Bless this person I call me. Bless the Keys you made so grand. Bless the sun that warms the land. Bless the fellowship we feel, as we gather for this meal...AMEN



FIRST NIGHT AT SEA

Dear God, we trust that you know our hearts and therefore you can feel our excitement for this journey. We thank you for this chance to enjoy the wonders of your creation. Help us to meet the challenges of working together, sharing the load, and lending a hand before we are asked. Strengthen our leaders as they guide our actions and develop our character. For safe journey, steady winds, clear waters, and strong spirits; for the guidance of our captain and the others who will teach us the respects of the seas, we ask you to share in the voyage and show us your mighty works...AMEN

A DOOR TO THE UNDERWATER WONDERS

To move deep into your waters is a freedom that we are glad to experience. As we are submerged safely and securely we become startled by the simple activities of the abundant life. We apologize for the intrusion into your deep sanctuary of wonder, but we are so thankful for the brief moments that we are able to gaze upon parts of your creation with renewed eyes. Help us to respect this life and its fragileness and our relationship with each living thing. O Lord, how mysterious are your works. We thank you...AMEN



PRAYER FOR SEA BASE

O God, Creator of heavens and the earth, protector of all who trust in you, be with us on our journey this week. Be our guardian and guide us along the way. Keep us safe on the waters. Bless us with good weather; breezes to fill our sails, clear waters for snorkeling and scuba diving, safe waters for swimming and kayaking, productive waters for fishing, calm waters for the dark nights when the stars of our galaxy fill our imaginations of worlds yet to be discovered. May all go well with us, and may we return from our adventures with stories to share with our families and our friends...AMEN

OTHER GRACES

Holy God, as we fill ourselves with the harvest of your earth, help us to appreciate the gift of your seas. As our hunger ends let our energy to serve begin. For this meal and all of your blessing, we give you thanks...AMEN

Creator of all we enjoy, we gather around this meal with thanks and wonder. Bless this time, and our sharing, as this food renews our energy. May we grow stronger and recognize your gifts which we use this day...AMEN

We give thanks for our friends and safety, and for challenges and learning. As we share in this meal let us remember the blessings as the food prepares us to do even more. O God, help us not to waste but enjoy the feast which your hands have delivered to us this day...AMEN

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