KEYS BLESSING AND GRACE

**Hymn:**
(to the tune of “For the Beauty of the Earth”)

For the grandeur of the Keys, for the azure of the skies,
For the cooling ocean breeze,
Coral sand beneath us lies,
Hear our voices rise to Thee, bless us while we’re on the sea.

For the coral so alive, for the treasures we explore,
For our safety when we dive,
For our captains, crew and more,
Bless us Lord, we pray to Thee, as we dive beneath the sea.

For the palm trees tall and green, for the sunsets’ golden hue,
For the sights so seldom seen,
Distant waters green and blue,
For the wonders we can see, blessings we beseech of Thee.

For the mighty winds and tide, for the steady engines’ roar,
For the Sea Base boats we ride,
Reef to reef and shore to shore,
Bless us Father while we roam, then return us safely home.

**Grace:**

Bless the creatures of the sea.
Bless the 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.

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SEA BASE WORSHIP
FOR
CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS, AND JEWS

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WELCOME TO SEA BASE!

You are about to embark on an adventure that you will remember for the rest of your life! Whether you are sailing, diving, fishing, or camping, you will encounter some of the most beautiful sites in the entire world. Perhaps most importantly, you will see God’s handiwork, and how humankind has interacted with God’s creation.

The coral reefs upon which the Keys and islands are built support a fragile ecosystem. The colorful varieties of flora and fauna are unparalleled in all of America. You will have a chance to experience this beauty while learning how changes in the environment affect life on the reefs. You will have an opportunity to help to preserve this magnificent coral world, both on land and in the water. You will also come to realize that what we do every day when we return home has an impact on our oceans.

This worship book provides resources for the three largest faith groups in America (Christians, Jews, and Muslims). These major sections are modeled after land-based treks lasting up to 10 days, so that this book can be used in your camping experiences in other adventures as well. Keep this book handy. After returning home, take it camping with you and use the examples for worship and prayer frequently.

Additionally, sections are provided for music and interfaith worship. The hymns in Majestic Depths include several that were written specifically for the Sea Base. Baden-Powell, the founder of the world Scouting movement, affirmed that young adults can heighten their experiences, both in the adventure and in their recognition of God’s presence, with song. There is reason to sing of God’s glory at the Sea Base. Few people will ever experience what you will encounter in this adventure.

As part of your experience at Sea Base, visit the chaplain and participate in a formal worship service. If time permits, your chaplain may accept your invitation to join you in a worship service on the water or on an island, perhaps with other crews that are nearby. If you have a need for special religious services, the chaplain will help to arrange for your needs.

May God bless you with a safe, enjoyable and memorable experience.
CHAPLAIN AIDE DUTIES

Encourage crew members to strengthen their own relationships with God through personal prayer, devotions, and participation in religious activities. As a goal, attend at least one chapel service during your week at Sea Base.

Teach the Sea Base grace to the crew and use it for meals. Learn to sing the grace as an aid to memorization and to give it lasting meaning. As a goal, have each crew member lead at least two prayers during your week at Sea Base. These can be done by leading grace, including leading the singing or saying of grace at flag ceremonies.

Organize times for reflection and meditation. Use the resources of Majestic Depths, passages from scripture, or special experiences of the day. Set aside sufficient time for discussion, reflection, and prayer. As a goal, have each crew member lead or actively participate in at least two periods of reflection during your week at Sea Base.

Provide an opportunity to learn about the religious emblems programs, religion in Scouting, and Interfaith Scout Services. Meet with the chaplain to obtain this information. As a goal, arrange a meeting between the chaplain and your crew to discuss religious programs in Scouting.

Remember to be sensitive to the various faiths and beliefs of your crew members. Collaborate with your crew leader and advisor whenever you encounter difficulties or have concerns. Remember that the Sea Base chaplain is available to help you and your crew to have the best experience possible.

If you have achieved your goals, you may be eligible for the Sea Base Duty to God award. This patch can be earned by all of your crew members, including adults! If the requirements are not in your leaders’ packet, the chaplain will provide them to you.
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SEA BASE WORSHIP

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A SHORT ORDER OF WORSHIP—I

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN (see Hymns Section, H-1 to H-20)

Psalm 95:1-7a (Revised English Version [REV])

Come! Let us raise a joyful song to the Lord, a shout of triumph to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and sing psalms of triumph to him.

For the Lord is a great God a great King above all gods.
The depths of the earth are in his hands, the peaks of the mountains belong to him; the sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land which his hand fashioned.

Enter in! Let us bow down and worship, let us kneel before the Lord who made us, for he is our God, we the people he shepherds, the flock in his care.

PRAYER (in unison) God, our Father, we thank you for the beauty of the earth, for the food we eat and for the comforts we enjoy. Help us to love others more, to be concerned with the problems of our day, and to understand Your will in our actions. Grant us the strength to live wisely and well, to be worthy users of Your creation and ready and willing workers for the causes of goodness. Amen.
SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:22–25 (Today’s English Version [TEV])

“So let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water. Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep His promise. Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.”

MEDITATION/REFLECTION

You may read the meditation for this day from pages C-7–C-13 or take a few moments for personal silent reflection. Some may choose to share their reflections with the crew.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Spontaneous prayer from participants)

You may use A Litany, page C-4, or the Lord’s Prayer.

HYMN (see Hymns Section, H-1 to H-26)

BLESSING

May the Lord bless you, protect you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life. Amen.
A LITANY

Leader:  For moonlight on the sea, for starlit skies above,
         For mangrove-covered islands, for the country that I love,
All:    We thank you, O Lord.

Leader:  For wind in whispering pines, for eagles soaring high,
         For the beauty of the clouds against an azure sky,
All:    We thank you, O Lord.

Leader:  For friends who walk with me along life’s awesome trail,
         For those who share their care with me, especially when I fail,
All:    We thank you, O Lord.

Leader:  O Jesus, who walked the road with two followers to Emmaus,
         Join us on our journey for the whole day through.
All:    O Lord, abide with us.

Leader:  As the sun rises above the lonesome sea,
         May your love and care for us in all our actions be.
All:    O Lord, walk with us. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
SERVICE OF PRAISE

(After a day on the water.)

PRAISE OF THE CREATOR
Psalm 148
(spoken responsively)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights above.

Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars.

Praise Him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the Lord for He commanded and they were created.

He set them in place forever and ever; He gave a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do His bidding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all nations you princes and all rules on the earth,
young men and maidens,  
old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for His name alone is exalted;  
His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

He has raised up for His people a horn,  
the praise of all His saints,  
for all His people who are near to Him

All: Praise the Lord!

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION  
(In this quiet moment, please feel free to share your thoughts  
and prayers by breaking the silence.)

CLOSING SONG  
*America the Beautiful*, page I-2
DAILY MEDITATIONS

DAY ONE

SETTING DIRECTIONS

“Lord, make me know Your ways. Lord, teach me Your paths.”

A successful Sea Base adventure requires much preparation. Physical readiness and adequate planning in terms of equipment, food, clothing, etc., are all ways to set a direction for your crew. Mental and spiritual preparation are no less important. The Florida Keys is a place where God can speak to you in new and exciting ways. Just as you prepare for your adventure, tapping the resources of advisers, mates, and those who have gone before you, so too, do you prepare for experiences of God on this experience by tapping the resources of God’s word. We do daily prayer and reflection which bring us into deeper contact with the Word of God: Jesus. He is your Guide, your Friend, your Strength, your Counselor on this journey. Jesus shows us the way and helps us conquer all fears!

For reflection: How are you preparing yourself to make this adventure a journey with the Lord? What can you do to keep yourself aware of Jesus’ continuing presence? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

Lead me in Your truth, O Lord and teach me! You are the God of my salvation.
DAY TWO

STARLIT SKIES ABOVE

“When I look at the sky, which You have made, at the moon and the stars which You set in their places—What is man, that You think of him, Mere man, that You care for him?”

(Psalm 8:3–4, TEV)

How beautiful are the Sea Base nights! The stars are so plentiful; they seem so close that you feel you can almost touch them. The silence and beauty of the night help us to realize the quiet power and majesty of God. Yet, this God loves each of us personally and intimately, and the greatest and most beautiful part of His creation lies not in the heavens, but right here on earth. You are the crowning glory of His creative hands—you are the reason for all creation.

For reflection: How do you see yourself as made in the image and likeness of God? What can you do to deepen respect for the beauty and glory of God alive in you?

Are you aware that God is present in each member of your crew? Does that knowledge change how you respond to them? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

Lord, thank you for life and beauty and the bounty of your creation.

DAY THREE

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

“If God is for us, who can be against us? Who then, can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger? For I am certain that nothing can separate us from His love . . . there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

(Romans 8:31, 35, 38–39, TEV)
The Sea Base adventure involves new skills in living with the sea and dealing with weather, fatigue, and unexpected circumstances and challenges. At times, it may seem that the difficulties are insurmountable, the hardships unbearable. However, it often happens that the greatest hardships in life become our greatest opportunities for growth. We have to realize that we are not alone—we have each other and the abiding presence and help of our God Who will guide us and give us strength. Nothing can separate us from His love that comes to us through Jesus. He invites us to trust in him and to realize that we walk with him.

For reflection: What have I done so far to help my crew come together as a team? Do I need to change in order to be more crew-oriented? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

Lord, help me to be cheerful in the face of difficulties. With your help I will conquer all obstacles!

DAY FOUR

SEA BREEZES

“He (the Lord) traveled on the wings of the wind.”

(II Samuel 22:11 and Psalm 18:10, TEV)

These words are a line from a song that King David sang to his Lord. We can often hear the wind moving across the waves and playing a soft melody. It is almost as if the seas were whispering to one another or to us below. Or as if God were playing a lullaby for us on His wind instrument.

The Lord touches all of His creation. He caresses the pines with His wind. He touches us with His love and forgiveness.

The “sea breezes” can become the sound in nature that reminds us of St. Paul’s gentle words, “Be kind and tenderhearted to one another and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.” (Ephesians 4:32, TEV) He who lives by forgiving and being forgiven lives in peace.
For reflection: Is there one whom you want to ask for forgiveness? Is there one whom you feel the need to forgive? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

Dear Father, where I have sinned, forgive me, and where I am afraid, give me courage. Amen.

DAY FIVE

FOR FOOD, FOR RAIMENT

“Having food and raiment, let us therewith be content.”

(I Timothy 6:8, King James Version [KJV])

Another translation of Scripture translates this verse: “If we have food and clothes, that should be enough for us.” (TEV)

Most of us at the Sea Base have become accustomed to having much more than food and clothes. There is nothing wrong with wealth. Some of the Biblical heroes like Abraham and David were very wealthy. Our heavenly Father in His mercy not only forgives us all our sins through Jesus’ death at Calvary, He also provides us with all that we need to support our bodily life.

We who have been so richly blessed may choose in thanksgiving to share our wealth with others.

Dr. William Foege, who helped eradicate smallpox from the world, recently challenged us to work together to eradicate hunger as well.

If we include the hungry in the “us” when we pray, “give us this day our daily bread,” then we are also asking God to involve us in feeding the hungry. What a great commission this becomes: to join God in feeding the hungry and clothing the naked! Jesus promises us “Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for Me.”

(Matthew 25:40, TEV)

For reflection: What have you done for those less fortunate than yourself? What do you consider our obligations to those
in need are? What does Jesus mean when he says, “Blessed are the poor . . .”? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

For food, for raiment . . . we thank Thee, O Lord.

DAY SIX

FOR FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

“The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them. And you are My friends if you do what I command you . . . I call you friends . . . You did not choose Me; I chose you.” (John 15: 13–16, TEV)

One day a kindergarten teacher asked her class, “What is a friend?” One little boy answered, “A friend is someone who knows you and still likes you.” If he is right, then “what a friend we have in Jesus!”

Jesus knows our most secret self and still He loves us. When He prayed on the cross, “Father, forgive them . . . ,” He was praying also for you and me. “The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” Jesus promised us life with Him forever. He is a real friend.

Friends at Sea Base are God’s gifts to us and through them God seeks to care for us and love us. They are not perfect, but like us, through Christ’s death and resurrection, they live forgiven. We thank God for good friends.

For reflection: Who are some of the people who have been friends to you on the your adventure? Thank God for them by name and thank those who have shown you acts of friendship. Have I been a friend? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or crew member.)

For friendship and fellowship, we thank Thee, O Lord. Amen.
DAY SEVEN

THE LAND AND THE SEA

“And you will live a long time in the rich and fertile land that the Lord promised to give your ancestors and their descendants . . . The land that you are about to enter is a land of mountains and valleys, a land watered by rain. The Lord, your God takes care of this land and watches over it throughout the year.”

(Deuteronomy 11:9, 11–12, TEV)

The Sea Base does something to people—it is not something that can be put into words easily. Something “gets into your blood.” A love for the sea, the atmosphere, the people—all these work together in you to make Sea Base an experience that you can never forget. The base of that experience is the presence of God—an awareness that all we have and all we offer to others comes from God. The brotherhood that we share as God’s children and as Scouts brings us to a sense of peace, a feeling that in some strange way, everything is all right. In that sense, we can call Sea Base a “Scouting Paradise,” a glimpse of that “Paradise” all of us are called to and will one day experience. It can be likened to the mountaintop experience that the apostles felt when Jesus was transfigured before them; when He gave them a glimpse of the beauty of God’s presence. The scriptures say “His face was shining like the sun and His clothes were dazzling white.”

(Matthew 17:2, TEV)

For reflection: Can you identify your mountaintop experience? How might this experience help you during difficult times? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

Lord, it is good for us to be here.
DAY EIGHT

JOURNEY’S END

“I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith.”

(II Timothy 4:7, TEV)

St. Paul at the end of his ministry wrote these words to his young friend Timothy. You have come to the end of your adventure at Sea Base. Do you feel good about having completed your adventure? What do you think was one of your biggest accomplishments these past eight days? (You may share your thoughts with a friend or crew member.)

Not all of your accomplishments have been physical. You have interacted with God’s nature and God’s people. There has been frustration and fun. Intermingled with this has been your reflection on God’s love and care for you in Christ Jesus, especially in His death and resurrection in your behalf. Through it all, you have grown spiritually. You have run the race and kept the Faith.

You have come to a better understanding of yourself and of your fellow crew members. You have grown in your appreciation of God’s gifts to you in nature, in friends, and in your Savior.

Now it is time to look homeward to friends and family. You have matured. You are now an even greater and finer gift to your family and friends. God be praised for it all!

For reflection: How will you say “Thank You” for this experience? Will you say “I love you” to those who made this trip possible? What new obligations do you take on because you have been to the Sea Base? What have I learned about making responsible choices? How can I make better ethical choices when I get home? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

Lord, thank You for every gift that You gave me these past days. As I go home, make me a special gift to my family and friends. Amen.
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SEA BASE WORSHIP

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My country, ’tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims’ pride,
From every mountainside, let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees, sweet freedom’s song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers’ God, to thee,
Author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom’s holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.
BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC
Lyrics: Julia W. Howe, 1861, alt.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Chorus
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet;
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free;
[originally ...let us die to make men free]
While God is marching on.

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
He is wisdom to the mighty, He is honor to the brave;
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of wrong His slave,
Our God is marching on.
GOD BLESS AMERICA
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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 oceans, white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home,
God bless America, my home sweet home.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL
By Katherine Lee Bates, 1904

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

Oh 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.
GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND  
(National Hymn)  
Lyrics: Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876, alt.  

God of the ages, Whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.  

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.  

From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
By Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.  

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.
ETERNAL FATHER STRONG TO SAVE
(Navy Hymn)
Lyrics: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.
Music: “Melita,” John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,

Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;

Oh, hear us when we cry to thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Oh Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,

Who walked’st on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;

Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,

And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;

Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Oh Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger’s hour;

From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe’er they go;

Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.
STAR-SPANGLED BANNER
(National Anthem)
Lyrics: “The Defence of Fort McHenry,” Francis Scott Key, 1814
Music: “Anacreon in Heaven,” John Stafford Smith, 1823–1876

O! say, can you see by the dawn’s early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe’s haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o’er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?

Now it catches the gleam of the morning’s first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
‘Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh long may it wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle’s confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no more!
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps’ pollution.

No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

O! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war’s desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav’n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: ‘In God is our trust.’
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave!
O GOD, OUR PILOT ON THE SEAS
(to the tune of “O God, Our Help In Ages Past”)
Lyrics: © Eugene Foley for the Florida Sea Base, 2006
Music: “St. Anne,” by William Croft, 1678-1727

O Lord, our God we thank Thee here,
Amidst your fragile cays,
Teach us, O Lord, to keep them dear,
As You, O Lord, we praise.

Great King of land, of sea and air,
The wind Your will commands,
Whose word has shaped each island fair,
Our love, Your grace, demands!

Creator of these sandy Keys,
Great maker of all life,
How peaceful is Your ocean breeze,
When we are freed from strife.

O God, our pilot on the seas,
Our captain sure of hand,
Guide us through surf to tall palm trees,
Bring us all safe to land.
O FOR A WORLD
Music: “Azmon,” Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

O for a world where everyone
Respects each other’s ways,
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relieved
Where truth is spoke, children spared,
Equality achieved.

We welcome one world family
And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
The foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn; Outcasts belong,
Who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for
God’s glorious reign of peace.
Where time and tears will be no more,
And all but love will cease.
GENTLE THE WIND BLOWS
(to the tune used for Morning Has Broken)
Lyrics: © Eugene Foley for the Florida Sea Base, 2006
Music: “Bunessan,” Gaelic

Gentle the wind blows, over the waters
Following seas flow, answer the call
Bringing us nearer, God’s sons and daughters
Nothing is clearer, God loves us all

Sailing adventures, searching the oceans
Diving for treasures, wading the shores
Hearing the bird song, sure is salvation
Oh, how our hearts long, for whom we adore

Warmth from the sunlight, cooled by the breezes
Beauty is in sight, peace is at hand
God is beside us, tender His mercies
His love inside us, together we stand
MIGHTY OCEAN, CORAL ISLANDS
(to the tune used for Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee)
Lyrics: © Eugene Foley for the Florida Sea Base, 2006
Music: “Ode to Joy,” from the 9th Symphony of Ludwig van Beethoven;
adapted by Edward Hodges, 1824.

Mighty ocean, coral islands, God’s creation to explore,
Let us search for new horizons, things we’ve never seen before.
Guide our efforts, our endeavors; through Your precious
    life-filled reefs;
Teach us of your fragile treasures, help us strengthen our beliefs.

On the waters You’ve created, on the islands You have made,
Help us see Your glorious presence, that our faith may never fade.
God, Your gift is right before us, beauty in its wide array,
We will sing forever praises of the sights we’ve seen each day.

Pow’rful winds and strongest currents won’t deter us from
    our course.
We will weather mighty torrents, restless seas without remorse.
Lord, Your blessings are upon us, keep us safe in every way,
Then with life and love before us, God, return us home, we pray.

Make us mindful of our duty, to protect this special place;
Give us strength to stand before Thee, challenging the human
    race,
Gentle care of every resource, for the children yet to be,
Serving and conserving beauty, Eden’s remnants all may see.
**LORD, I STAND NOW BEFORE YOU**
(to the tune of “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”)
Lyrics: © Eugene Foley for the Florida Sea Base, 2006

Lord, I stand before You, praising
All the good You’ve brought to me.
With my crew mates, and my leaders
Show us all there is to see.

I come searching, timeless Father,
Guide me o’er Your bounteous sea,
Lead me into Your creation,
Help me know Your gift to me.

God, who made us in Your image,
Keep us mindful of Your grace.
You have shown us glorious creatures
They abound all ’round this place.

Swaying palm trees, peaceful breezes,
Gorgeous sunsets come from Thee.
Now we see creation clearly,
It’s Your love that sets us free.

Plain the message all the world now
Let us share with all who’ll hear.
God has blest us, endless beauty
Generations must hold dear.

Gentle hands outstretched with kindness,
Taking care this world to save,
We’ll protect His fragile kingdom
So they’ll all know what God gave.
ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL
Lyrics: Cecil F. Alexander, Hymns for Little Children, 1848.
Music: “Royal Oak,” 17th Century English melody;
arranged by Martin F. Shaw, 1915.

Refrain
All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.
(Refrain)

The purple headed mountains, The river running by,
The sunset and the morning That brightens up the sky.
(Refrain)

The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.
(Refrain)

The tall trees in the greenwood, The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water, To gather every day.
(Refrain)

He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.
(Refrain)
O GRACIOUS GOD, WHO HOLDS US DEAR
(to the tune of “Eternal Father Strong to Save”)
Lyrics: © Eugene Foley for the Florida Sea Base, 2006
Music: “Melita,” John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

O Gracious God, Who holds us dear,
Bless each of us as we draw near.
We raise our voices, sing Your praise,
Pray keep us safe along Your ways.
Lord, teach us patience, love and care,
As we explore Your seas so fair.

Mighty Father, who steers us clear
Of rocks and shoals, that we do fear,
Now guide us on our earthly course
With winds that blow with pow’r and force.
Bless within us all that’s good,
We’ll be prepared the way we should.

We praise You, Lord, for health and strength.
The race is long. We’ll stay the length.
Taut sails, clear trails, on eagle’s wings,
Our faith sustains us through all things.
When daylight fails and breezes cease,
Bring us safe harbor, lasting peace.
SAIL AWAY BEYOND THE BLUE
(to the tune of “Do Lord”)
Lyrics: © Eugene Foley for the Florida Sea Base, 2006

Chorus:
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me (O Lordy).
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.
Sail away, beyond the blue.

God, You made the birds to sing. You made them fly.
God, You made the eagle’s wing. You made the sky.
God, You made the thunder ring, in clouds so high.
Sail away, beyond the blue. (chorus)

Lord, You made the rivers flow. You made it rain.
Lord, You made the winds to blow. Oh, the hurricane!
Lord, You made the ebb and flow. Tides return again.
Sail away, beyond the blue. (chorus)

Make me know the ocean fair, new world for me.
Make me know the depths we dare, new things to see.
Make me show with gentle care, our love for Thee.
Sail away, beyond the blue. (chorus)

Lord, You made the fish to swim, deep in the sea.
Lord, You made the light grow dim, when stars we see.
Lord, You bless our thankful hymn, when sung to Thee.
Sail away, beyond the blue. (chorus)

Sandy shoal and coral reef, shark, eel and ray,
Lord, You made the sandy beach, long sunny day.
Help us know Your mighty reach, Your holy way.
Sail away, beyond the blue. (chorus x2)
KEYS BLESSING AND GRACE
(to the tune of “For the Beauty of the Earth”)
Lyrics: Hymn – © Eugene Foley for the Florida Sea Base, 2006;
Music: “Dix,” Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

Hymn:
For the grandeur of the keys, for the azure of the skies,
For the cooling ocean breeze, Coral sand beneath us lies,
Hear our voices rise to Thee, bless us while we’re on the sea.

For the coral so alive, for the treasures we explore,
For our safety when we dive, For our captains, crew and more,
Bless us Lord, we pray to Thee, as we dive beneath the sea.

For the palm trees tall and green, for the sunsets’ golden hue,
For the sights so seldom seen, Distant waters green and blue,
For the wonders we can see, blessings we beseech of Thee.

For the mighty winds and tide, for the steady engines’ roar,
For the Sea Base boats we ride, Reef to reef and shore to shore,
Bless us, Father, while we roam, then return us safely home.

Grace:
Bless the creatures of the sea.
Bless the 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.
THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION
Music: “Aurelia,” Samuel S. Wesley, in A Selection of Psalms and Hymns by C. Kemble, 1864

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought Her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her and for Her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

‘Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.
AMAZING GRACE
Lyrics: John Newton, Olney Hymns (London: W. Oliver, 1779).
Exception: the last stanza is by an unknown author; it appeared as early as 1829 in the Baptist Songster, by R. Winchell (Wethersfield, Connecticut), as the last stanza of the song “Jerusalem My Happy Home.”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a soul like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.
OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST
Music: “St. Anne,” William Croft, 1708, in common meter.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

Thy Word commands our flesh to dust, “Return, ye sons of men:”
All nations rose from earth at first, and turn to earth again.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Like flowery fields the nations stand pleased with the morning light;
The flowers beneath the mower’s hand lie withering ere ‘tis night.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.
This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world. O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done:
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heav’n be one.
COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING
Lyrics: Some sources show the author as “anonymous.” Others credit Charles Wesley, 1757. The words appeared in George Whitefield’s Collection of Hymns for Social Worship, 1757, alt.
Music: Italian Hymn, “Felice de Giardini,” in The Collection of Psalm and Hymn Tunes Sung at the Chapel of the Lock Hospital, 1769

Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy Name to sing, help us to praise!
Father all glorious, over all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou Who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne’er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be, hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore!

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
(Doxology)
Lyrics: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
FAIREST LORD JESUS
Lyrics: Written by German Jesuits as “Schönster Herr Jesu” in the 17th Century. Published in the Münster Gesangbuch, 1677, and translated from German to English by Joseph A. Seiss, 1873.
Music: “Crusader’s Hymn,” a Silesian folk song from Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842; arranged by Richard S. Willis, 1850

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in Thee;
None can be nearer, fairer or dearer,
Than Thou, my Savior, art to me.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine.
NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD
Lyrics: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878
Music: “Nun Danket Alle Gott,” Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In Whom this world rejoices;

Who from our mothers’ arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us still in grace, And guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills, In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven;

The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever more.
COME, COME YE SAINTS
William Clayton, 1846; J. T. White, 1944

Come, come ye Saints, no toil nor labor fear,
But with joy wend your way;
Tho’ hard to you this journey may appear,
Grace shall be as your day.
‘Tis better far for us to strive,
Our useless cares from us to drive;
Do this, and joy your hear will swell—
All is well! All is well!

Why should we mourn, or think our lot is hard?
‘Tis not so; All is right!
Why should we think to earn a great reward,
If we now shun the fight?
Gird up your loins, fresh courage take,
Our God will never us forsake
And soon we’ll have this truth to tell—
All is well! All is well!

HOW GREAT THE WISDOM AND THE LOVE
Eliza R. Snow, Thomas McIntyre

How great the wisdom and the love
That filled the courts on high
And sent the Savior from above
To suffer, bleed, and die!

He marked the path and led the way,
And every point defines
To light and life and endless day
Where God’s full presence shines.
WE GATHER TOGETHER
Lyrics: Netherlands folk hymn, 1625; translated by Theodore Baker, 1864
Music: “Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck,” 1626; harmonized by Eduard Kremser, 1877

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to his name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;

So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.

Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!
MAJESTIC DEPTHS

SEA BASE WORSHIP

INTERFAITH SECTION
CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your glory.

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.

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SCRIPTURE READING
Psalm 8
(New Jerusalem Bible)

Lord our Lord,
  how majestic is your name throughout the world!

Whoever keeps singing of your majesty higher than
  the heavens,
even through the mouths of children, or of babes in arms,
you make him a fortress, firm against your foes,
to subdue the enemy and the rebel.

I look up at your heavens, shaped by your fingers,
at the moon and the stars you set firm—
  what are human beings that you spare a thought
    for them,
or the child of Adam that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god,
you have crowned him with glory and beauty,
made him lord of the works of your hands,
put all things under his feet,
sheep and cattle, all of them,
and even the wild beasts,
birds in the sky, fish in the sea,
when he makes his way across the ocean.

Lord our Lord,
  how majestic is your name throughout the world!
RESPONSIVE READING

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

(L = Leader; C = Crew)

L: ON MY HONOR

C: 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.

L: TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD

C: 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.

L: AND MY COUNTRY

C: 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.

L: AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW

C: Heavenly Father, accept the heartfelt thanks of us Scouts and Scouters for such men of vision and leadership as Robert Baden-Powell, William Boyce, and James West. Keep always before us the ideals which they set forth, and grant us the courage to live by them when others may not. Allow us never to forget that our actions may be the examples others choose to follow.
L: TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES
C: Grant us forgiveness, Patient Lord, when we place the insignificant wants in our lives above the necessities in others’ lives. Teach us to recognize and understand the problems facing others and prepare us for each day’s task of helping others.

L: TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG, MENTALLY AWARE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT
C: God of our ancestors, let us never forget that our bodies and minds are but temporary gifts from Thee. Help us to preserve, strengthen, and use them for the betterment of our world. May our thoughts and actions be directed toward more meaningful service in Your name. Amen.

MEDITATION AND SHARING
Take a few moments now for personal silent reflection about how God works in creation and in your personal life. You may wish to share these reflections with your crew.

Responsive Reading, “Scout Law”
Scout: A Scout is Trustworthy.
Leader: Character is what a man is. Reputation is what people think about him. A youth of character is worthy of trust. No one is worthy of trust who does not recognize his dignity and the dignity of all men as children of God.

Scout: A Scout is Loyal.
Leader: Because our first loyalty is to God, a Scout is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due—his parents, his place of worship, and his country.

Scout: A Scout is Helpful.
Leader: We are told that the good turn we do for others will be considered what is done for Him. Our motive or reason we are helpful is that we see our God in everyone. The whole Scout program gives us an opportunity to be helpful.
Scout: A Scout is Friendly.
Leader: We are brothers and sisters. Recognizing this, a Scout should be a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout.

Scout: A Scout is Courteous.
Leader: A Scout should respect everyone. The meaning of love as a Scout should be taken from the words, “I have come not to be served, but to serve.”

Scout: A Scout is Kind.
Leader: We respect others, not abusing or mistreating, but to trust.

Scout: A Scout is Obedient.
Leader: A Scout should obey, not because he has to, but because the one leading is someone in authority, and is right in doing so. Victory comes from obedience to all in authority as long as they deserve our obedience.

Scout: A Scout is Cheerful.
Leader: A Scout will have joy in his heart and manifest it outwardly by his cheerful manner.

Scout: A Scout is Thrifty.
Leader: By being thrifty, we are taught self-respect, making us unwilling to be a burden to others. Far from being a burden, we are able to be thrifty to help them. A Scout is deeply concerned with preserving our natural resources.

Scout: A Scout is Brave.
Leader: A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has courage to stand for what he thinks is right, even if others scorn him.

Scout: A Scout is Clean.
Leader: He keeps clean in body and thought; he stands for clean speech, clean sport, and clean habits; and he travels with a clean crowd.
Scout: A Scout is Reverent.
Leader: He is reverent to God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the conviction of others in matters of custom and religion.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Leader: Let us pray together.

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.

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

OR

PRAYER OF THANKS

Leader: Let us pray together.

We thank You, O God, for this day, for morning sun and evening star; for flowering of trees and flowing of surf, 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’s a great day! AMEN

OR
PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
   Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
   Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
   And where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Refrain
Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
   Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
   Where there is darkness only light,
   And where there’s sadness ever joy.

3. Make me a channel of your peace.
   It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
   in giving of ourselves that we receive,
   and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

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 oceans, white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home,
God bless America, my home sweet home.

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DAY IS DONE

Day is done, Gone the sun, From the lake,
From the hills, From the sky,
All is well, Safely rest, God is nigh.

Thanks and praise, For our days
’Neath the sun, ’Neath the stars, ’Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know, God is nigh.

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BENEDICTION

Lord, be thou within us, to strengthen us; without us, to keep
us; above us, to protect us; beneath us, to uphold us; before us,
to direct us; behind us, to keep us from straying; round about
us, to defend us.

OR

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
DAILY MEDITATIONS

DAY ONE

SETTING DIRECTIONS

To sail successfully at Sea Base requires much preparation. Physical readiness, adequate planning in terms of equipment, food, clothing, etc., and a planning of itinerary are all ways to set a direction for your crew. Mental and spiritual preparation are no less important. The ocean is a place where God can speak to you in new and exciting ways. Just as you prepare for a sail by tapping the resources of advisers and those who have gone before you, so too, do you prepare for experiences of God on this journey by tapping the resources of God’s Word. We do daily prayer and reflection which bring us into deeper contact with God. He is your Guide, your Friend, your Strength, your Counselor on this journey. The Lord shows us the way and helps us conquer all fears!

For reflection: How are you preparing yourself to make this a journey with the Lord? What can you do to keep yourself aware of God’s continuing presence? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

Lead me in Your truth, O Lord, and teach me! You are the God of my salvation.

DAY TWO

STARLIT SKIES ABOVE

How beautiful are the Sea Base nights! The stars are so plentiful; they seem so close that you feel you can almost touch them. The silence and beauty of the night help us to realize the quiet power and majesty of God. Yet, this God loves each of us personally and intimately, and the greatest and most beautiful part
of His creation lies not in the heavens, but right here on earth. You are the crowning glory of His creative hands—you are the reason for all creation.

For reflection: How do you see yourself as made in the image and likeness of God? What can you do to deepen respect for the beauty and glory of God alive in you?

Are you aware that God is present in each member of your crew? Does that knowledge change how you respond to them? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

Lord, thank you for life and beauty and the bounty of your creation.

**DAY THREE**

**WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH**

The Sea Base experience involves many hardships. At times, it may seem that the difficulties are insurmountable, the hardships unbearable. However, it often happens that the greatest hardships in life become our greatest opportunities for growth. We have to realize that we are not alone—we have each other and the abiding presence and help of our God, Who will guide us and give us strength. Nothing can separate us from His love. He invites us to trust in him and to realize that we walk with him.

For reflection: What have I done so far to help my crew come together as a team? Do I need to change in order to be more crew-oriented? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

Lord, help me to be cheerful in the face of difficulties. With your help I will conquer all obstacles!
DAY FOUR

WINDS WHISPERING ABOVE

We can often hear the wind moving and playing a soft melody. It is almost as if it were whispering to us below. Or as if God were playing a lullaby for us on His wind instrument.

The Lord touches all of His creation. He caresses the ocean with His wind. He touches us with His love and forgiveness.

For reflection: Is there one whom you want to ask for forgiveness? Is there one whom you feel the need to forgive? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

Dear Lord, where I have sinned, forgive me, and where I am afraid, give me courage. Amen.

DAY FIVE

EAGLES SOARING HIGH

One day a fisherman watched as a mother eagle dropped a young eaglet toward the rocky seashore below. The eaglet plummeted and fluttered. It appeared that it was about to be dashed to its death on the rocks below, when out of the sky plunged the father eagle and caught his offspring on his broad back. Then he flew up high and dropped the young one again. This time the mother caught the little one on her back. The routine was repeated until the little eagle learned to fly.

God gives us opportunities to try our wings so that we might learn to fly on our own. Certainly the Sea Base experience is one of these learning and growing opportunities. Yet God always watches over us and spreads His wings of protection beneath us.

God said to the Israelites on their wilderness trek, "I bore you on eagles’ wings." So lift up your head and rejoice!
For reflection: Have you discovered new dimensions of your personality? How have you been willing to accept the challenges of the experience? How have you supported a crew member as he faces the challenge? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

O Lord, when I grow weary, lift me up on your wings. Give me the courage and strength I need for tomorrow. Amen.

DAY SIX

FOR FOOD, FOR RAIMENT

Most of us at Sea Base have become accustomed to having much more than food and clothes. There is nothing wrong with wealth. Some of the Biblical heroes like Abraham and David were very wealthy. Our heavenly Father in His mercy not only forgives us, He also provides us with all that we need to support our bodily life.

We who have been so richly blessed may choose in thanksgiving to share our wealth with others.

Dr. William Foege, who worked to eradicate smallpox from the world, challenged us to work together to eradicate hunger as well.

If we include the hungry when we pray, we are also asking God to involve us in feeding the hungry. What a great commission this becomes: to join God in feeding the hungry and clothing the naked!

For reflection: What have you done for those less fortunate than yourself? What do you consider our obligations to those in need are? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

For food, for raiment . . . we thank Thee, O Lord.
DAY SEVEN

FOR LIFE, FOR OPPORTUNITY

How precious is the gift of life! At Sea Base we can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of its importance. How necessary to respect it in all its forms. We can take so much for granted—the air we breathe, the water we drink, the health we enjoy, the beauty of the earth. God gives us life to enjoy and he gives us opportunity to grow, to achieve, to find joy and to find happiness. God gives us the ultimate opportunity—the path to eternal life—life with God and each other forever.

For reflection: What does the concept of stewardship mean to you? When have you been a good manager of your own life? When have you shown respect for God’s creation? Have you shown respect for another’s personal property? How seriously do I take the Wilderness Pledge? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

For life, for opportunity, we thank Thee, O Lord.

DAY EIGHT

FOR FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

One day a kindergarten teacher asked her class, “What is a friend?” One little boy answered, “A friend is someone who knows you and still likes you.” If he is right, then what a friend we have in the Lord who loves us.

The Lord knows our most secret self and still He loves us.

Friends on the trek are God’s gifts to us and through them God seeks to care for us and love us. They are not perfect, but like us, they live forgiven. We thank God for good friends.

For reflection: Who are some of the people who have been friends to you on the trek? Thank God for them by name and thank those who have shown you acts of friendship. Have I been a friend? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or crew member.)

For friendship and fellowship, we thank Thee, O Lord. Amen.
DAY NINE

COUNTRY THAT I LOVE

The ocean does something to people—it is not something that can be put into words easily. Something “gets into your blood.” A love for the sea, the atmosphere, the people—all these work together in you to make Sea Base an experience that you can never forget. The base of that experience is the presence of God—an awareness that all we have and all we offer to others comes from God. The brotherhood that we share as God’s children and as Scouts brings us to a sense of peace, a feeling that in some strange way, everything is all right.

For reflection: How might this experience help you during difficult times? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

Lord, it is good for us to be here. Make us a blessing to others on this trek. Amen.

DAY TEN

TREK’S END

You have come to the end of your trek at Sea Base. Do you feel good about having completed your trek? What do you think was one of your biggest accomplishments these past few days? (You may share your thoughts with a friend or crew member.)

Not all of your accomplishments have been physical. You have interacted with God’s nature and God’s people. There has been frustration and fun. Intermingled with this has been your reflection on God’s love and care for you. Through it all, you have grown spiritually. You have run the race and kept the Faith.

You have come to a better understanding of yourself and of your fellow crew members. You have grown in your appreciation of God’s gifts to you in nature and in friends.
Now it is time to look homeward to friends and family. You have matured. You are now an even greater and finer gift to your family and friends. God be praised for it all!

For reflection: How will you say “Thank You” for this experience? Will you say “I love you” to those who made this trip possible? What new obligations do you take on because you have been here? What have I learned about making responsible choices? How can I make better ethical choices when I get home? (You may choose to share your thoughts with a friend or a crew member).

Lord, thank You for every gift that You gave me these past days. As I go home, make me a special gift to my family and friends. Amen.

Now let us go in the strength of the Lord. Let us go in peace and serve the Lord our God.
UPON RETURN FROM A JOURNEY:

Repeat the previous duaa’ and add to it:

We are returners, repentants, worshippers, and thankful to our Lord.

‘Ayiboona, ta’eboona, aabidoona, lirabbina hamidoona.

 الأمنَ تأتيِنَ عابِدنَ لِرِبَّنا حَامِدُونَ

WHEN FACED BY HARDSHIP:

Oh Allah! There is nothing easy except what You make easy, and You make the difficult easy if it be Your will.

Allahommala-sahla illa-ma-ja altaho sahla, wa’anta taj alol-hazna Itha Shi’ta sahla.

الإِلهِ لا سهُّلَ إِلَّا مَا جَعَلْتَ سهْلاً،
وَالْمَلَكُ يَعْقِلُ، اللَّهُ حَمِيدٌ مُحْمَيْدٌ
WHEN SETTING OUT ON A JOURNEY:

Oh Allah! It is with Your help that I struggle, move, and walk. Oh Allah! I beg of You in this journey, virtue, piety, and deeds which are acceptable to You. Oh Allah! Make our journey easy for us and shorten for us its distance. Oh Allah! You are the companion in the journey and the guardian-protector of the household. Oh Allah! I seek refuge in You from the difficulties of this journey, and from disagreeable sights and from unpleasant return to (my) wealth, household, and children.

Allahoma bika 'asool, wa bika 'ajool, wa bika 'aseer. Allahomma 'inni 'as'aloka fi safari hadha al-birra wa at-taqwa, wa min al-aamali ma tarda. Allahomma hawwin aaleyna safarana hadha wa 'atwi aanna bo'dahu. Allahomma anta as-sahibu fi is-safari wa al-khalfatu fi il-'ahel. Allahomma 'inni 'aoodho bika min wa aatha' is-safari, wa ka'abati il-manzari, wa so'i il-mongalabi fi il-maali wa al-'ahli wa al-waladi.
When mounting a means of transportation (horse, car, train, plane, etc.):

Glory to Him who has subjected these to our (use), for we could never have accomplished this (by ourselves). And to our Lord, surely must we turn back!

Subhan al-ladhi sakhkhara lana hadha wa ma kunna laho muqrineena wa‘inna ‘ila Rabbina lamongaliboon.

When retiring to sleep:

In Your name, oh Lord, I lay my side (to sleep). And by (Your leave) I raise it up. So if You take away my soul (during sleep), forgive it, and if You send it back (after sleep), protect it even as You protect Your pious servants.

Bismika Rabbi wa daato janbi wa bika arfaaaho, in ’amsakta nafsi faghfir laha, wa‘in arsaltaha fahfazha bima tahfazo bihi ibadaka as-salihina.
MUSLIM

PRAYERS OF THE PROPHET
FOR DAILY LIFE

WAKING UP:

Praise be to Allah who gave us life after death and unto Him will be the return.

\textit{Al-hamdu lillahi il-ladhi ahyana baada ma amatana wa’ileyhi in-nushur.}

WHEN BEGINNING A MEAL:

Oh Allah! Bless (the food) You provided us and save us from the punishment of the hellfire. In the name of Allah.

\textit{Allahomma barik lana fima razaqtana, wa qina aadhaba an-nar, bism-illahi.}

AFTER FINISHING A MEAL:

Praise be to Allah who has fed us and given us drink, and made us Muslims.

\textit{Al-hamdu lillahi il-ladhi ataamana wa saqana wa ja aalana Muslimina.}
ings you will be united among yourselves. Truly, Allah becomes angry with one who does not keep his promises. May Allah keep you all in His peace.

This is from a sermon of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Let us seek guidance and forgiveness.

\[\text{Al-hamdu lillahi, hamdan kathiran, waspsalaamu aala Muhammad, wa aala ahlhi, wa sahibi ajma’een, wa man tab’ahum be-’ihsan ’ila yom ud-deen.}\]

\[\text{Inna Allah wa mala’ekatu hu, yussalloona aala an-nabi.}\]

\[\text{Ya ayuhalla-theena ’amanu sallu aaleyhe, wa sallimu tasleema, wa baad.}\]

The Prophet (pbuh) has said as reported in Al-Hadith, Baihaqu, “Show me that you possess these five virtues: That you are truthful when you speak; that you fulfill your trust when you promise; that you guard yourself against immodesty; that you lower your eyes to the ground; and that you withhold your hand from doing what is wrong, then I will guarantee you paradise.” (Read three times.)

\[\text{Iqamat as-sallaat. (Call for the prayer.)}\]
KHUTBA FOR SALATUL JUMAH (FRIDAY NOON PRAYERS)

Al-hamdu lillahi, nasta’eenuha, wa nastaghferuha, wa nas-
tahdeeyaha, wa na’uzu billahi men sharri anfusana wa men sayyee’ati a’malinah. Man yahdeh ellaahu falaa mudella
lahu, wa man yudell falaa hadiya lahu. Wa ash-hadu alla
ellaha ela Allah, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan ’abduhu
wa rasuluhu, wa baad.

Wa ba’ad.

Praise be to Allah! I remember and glorify His many attributes
of power and mercy, and I ask help from Him. We seek refuge
with Allah from the evils within ourselves and from the wick-
edness of our deeds. For one who is guided by Allah, there is
none that can misguide him, and for one who gets astray (as a
result of Allah’s displeasure), there is none to guide him. And I
bear witness—truly, there is no God but Allah, He is the only
one with no partner. Undoubtedly, the excellent teaching is the
Book of Allah, the blessed and the exalted. One whose heart
Allah has adorned with it, and brought him to the fold of Islam
after he has renounced the worship of many gods (polytheism),
and who adopted it in preference to all other messages of the
people, surely he is the successful and redeemed. Verily, it is the
excellent teaching and the most eloquent.

Love you all that is loved by Allah. Get the love of Allah imprinted
in your very heart, and don’t feel tired of reciting Allah’s words,
and remembering Him, and do not blacken your hearts. This
is because from among all that has been created by Allah, and
liked and chosen by Him, and best of all the good things, as well
as from among the lawful and unlawful, and the good forms of
worship, He has assigned superiority to His own words.

So, worship Allah and associate no other partner with Him.
And fear from Him as one should rightly fear, and whatever
good undertakings come out of your mouths must be truly ful-
filled by you in Allah’s presence so that through Allah’s bless-
DAY EIGHT

Reflections: This time spent at Sea Base has been a time of discovery and growth. What can we learn from the time your crew has spent together with nature? We are the same and yet so different!

Oh humankind! I have created you male and female from a single soul, and made you nations and tribes so that you may know each other. Truly, the most honored of you in the sight of God is the one who is most righteous. And Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted with all things. (Qur’an 49:13)

And He has put love between their hearts. Not if you had spent all that is in the earth, could you have produced that affection, but Allah has done it, for He is exalted in might, wise. (Qur’an 8:63)
And among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the variations in your languages and your colors; truly in that are signs for those who know. . . . And among His signs He shows you the lightning by way both of fear and of hope, and He sends down rain from the sky and with it gives life to the earth after it is dead. Truly in that are signs for those who are wise. (Qur’an 30:22, 24)

DAY SEVEN

Reflections: Are we encouraged to nourish an intimate connection with the pulse of creation?

Aisha (rabiyyah Allah, wife of Muhammad, Messenger of Allah) often noticed that if there was a roll of thunder, even in the distance, the face of the Prophet (pbuh) would change color. The sound of a powerful gust of wind would likewise visibly move Him and on at least one occasion when there was a downpour of rain He bared His head, shoulders, and breast and went out in the open so that He might share the delight of the earth in receiving the bounty of the earth directly upon His skin. (Adapted from the Sirah of Muhammad, from the Earliest Sources, by Martin Lings.)
The world is green and beautiful and Allah appointed you as His stewards over it. He sees how you acquit yourselves. (Saying of the prophet Muhammad, pbuh.)

It is He who has made you His representatives and stewards of the earth. He has raised you in ranks, some above others, that He may try you in the gifts He has given you, for your Lord is quick in punishment, yet He is indeed Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful. (Qur'an 6:165)

It is Allah who looses the winds that set the clouds in motion, and we drive them on to a land that is dead. Thus do we bring the earth back to life after it has been dead . . . (Qur'an 35:9)

Reflections: In nature there are many signs of Allah, if we but have eyes to see, ears to hear, and a pure heart to commune with God. What can we learn from the creation of God?

It is Allah who looses the winds that set the clouds in motion, and we drive them on to a land that is dead. Thus do we bring the earth back to life after it has been dead . . . (Qur'an 35:9)
Reflections: Do we have a responsibility for the condition of the earth?

Let there be from among you, a group of believers who call to what is good, and will prohibit the evil. (Qur’an 3:104)

Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do righteous deeds that He will assuredly make them to succeed (those now with power) and grant them stewardship and responsibility in the land just as He made those before them to succeed others. (Qur’an 24:55)
Reflections: How great is the power of God, and how humble should we be in His presence?

To Him is due the primal origin of the heavens and the earth. When He creates a thing, He simply says to it ‘Be!’ and it evolves into being. (Qur’an 2:117)

Have not the incredulous people considered that the heavens and the earth were originally one closed-up mass, and We rent them asunder? Do not they know that it is out of water that We have made everything living? Will they not then give credence to Our portents? (Qur’an 21:30)
Reflections: On the sea, waves, or islands of Sea Base, the immensity of God’s creation is awe-inspiring. How can we understand the majesty of God?

Surely in the creation of the heavens and the earth and in the alternation of the night and of the day are signs for men possessed of minds who remember Allah. (Qur’an 3:190)

With power and skill did We construct the firmament, for it is We who create the vastness of space. And We have spread out the spacious earth. How excellently We do spread out! And of every thing We have created pairs, that you may reflect and learn. Hasten you then to Allah. (Qur’an 51:47–50)
Reflections: All humans have been given a common nature (fitra). What is the nature of our way which is harmonious with human nature?

Set your face to the true religion—the nature of God, on which He has instituted the innate nature of mankind. No change is permissible in Allah’s creation. This is the eternal way. (Qur’an 30:30)

Say: He is God, The One and Only; Allah, the Eternal, Absolute; He begets not nor is He begotten; and there is none like unto Him. (Qur’an 112:1–4)

This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam (the way of peace and obedience to God) as your religion. (Qur’an 5:3)
Reflections: To whom do we turn our hearts and minds in worship, remembrance, and service? What are the simple words that guide us through each day?

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. Praise be to God, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds, Most Gracious, Most Merciful, Master of the Day of Judgment. You do we worship, and Your aid we seek. Show us the straight way. The way of those on whom You have bestowed Your grace, those who earn not Your anger and who go not astray. (Qur’an 1:1–7)
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PERPETUAL PRAYER SCHEDULE FOR ISLAMORADA, FLORIDA

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ABOUT THIS SECTION

Almighty God has blessed us with life, health, and the strength and opportunity to reflect on our spiritual condition and grow our connection with God and His creation. The tests and challenges of the Sea Base provide the chance to draw closer to God for support and deepen our respect and fellowship with our mates.

This section of our worship book has been designed for use by Muslim crews, for Muslim Scouts and Scouters who are members of non-Muslim crews, and for the education and inspiration of persons of all faiths. You will find tables of prayer-times; prayers of the Prophet (peace be upon him) for use in daily living; a khutba, or Friday sermon of the Prophet (pbuh), for use during the Friday noon prayers; and eight days of daily meditations with appropriate passages from the Qur’an or teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) on which to reflect.

Remember that when we are traveling, we are permitted to combine and shorten the noon and afternoon prayers (zuhr and asr) to two units each, and to combine the sunset and night prayers (maghrib) and shorten the night prayer (isha) to two units. It also was the practice of the Prophet (pbuh) never to leave the two units of the Sunnah prayer before the obligatory dawn prayer (fajr), or the one-unit Sunnah closing prayer (witr) after the night prayer. In addition, remember that we are taught that even a smile is charity. God Almighty has commanded us to remember Him at all times and in all places. Since He has promised us His mercy and compassion, we should be thankful and praise Him in all we do. May the peace of God Almighty be with you all.

As-salaamu aleykum.
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The Holy Qur’an: Text, Translation, and Commentary, by Abdullah Yusef Ali. Published by Amana Corporation, Brentwood, Maryland, 1983.

Selected Prayers, A Collection of Du’a from the Qur’an and Sunnah, compiled by Jamal A. Badawi. Published by Islamic Teaching Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1979.
t’fila v’tachanun atah. Baruch atah Adonai, shomei-a t’fila.

May it be Your will, our God and God of our ancestors, to lead us on the way of peace, so that You will bring us happily to our destination safe and sound. Save us from danger on the way. Give us good grace, kindness, and favor both in Your eyes and in the eyes of all we may meet. Hear our prayer for You and a God who listens to the heart’s supplication. Praised are You, Adonai, who hears our prayers.
T’FILAT HADERECH—
PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS

Y’hi ratzon mil’fanecha Adonai Eloheinu
veilohei avoteinu, shetolischeinu
l’shalom, v’tatzideinu l’shalom
v’tadricheinu l’shalom v’tagi-einu
limchoz cheftzeinu l’chayim
ul-simcha ul-shalom, v’tatzileinu
mikaf kol oyeiv v’oreiv
v’listim v’chayot ra-ot baderech
u-mi kol minei fur-aniyot
hamitrag’shot uva-ot la-olam.
V’tishlach b’racha b’chol ma-asei
yadeineu, v’tit’neinu l’chein ul-chesed
ul-rachamin b’einecha uv-einei chol
ro-einu, v’tishma kol
tachanuneinu, ki Eil shomei-a
Blessed are you, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, who in Your goodness nourishes the whole world with favor and kind love and mercy. You give food to all living things because Your kind love is always with us. Out of Your great goodness, You never let us lack for food, and may You never let us lack in the future. For the sake of what You stand for—that You are God, who feeds and provides for everyone—You do good for everyone and prepare food for all the living things You created. Blessed are You, O God, who feeds everyone.


O let Jerusalem, the holy city, be renewed in our time. Blessed is the Eternal, by whose compassion we will see Jerusalem renewed and at peace. Amen.


May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and on all the world. And we say: Amen.
Shir hama-a-lot  
B’shuv Adonai  
Et shivat Tziyon  
Hayinu k’cholmim  
Az yimalei s’chok pinu  
Ul-shoneinu rina.  
Az yomru vagoyim  
Higdil Adonai la-a-sot  
im eileh  
Higdil Adonai la-a-sot  
im anu  
Hayinu s’mechim.  
Shuva Adonai et sh’viteinu  
Ka-afikim banegev.  
Hazorim b’dima b’rina  
yiktzoru.  
Haloch yelech uvachco  
Nosei meshech hazara.  
Bo yavo v’rina nosei alumotav.

Baruch Ata Adonai,  
Eloheinu melech ha-olam, hazan et ha-olam kulo  
b’tuvo b’chen b’chesed  
vuv-rachamim hu noten  
lechem l’chol basar, ki  
l’olam chasdo. Uv-tuvo  
hagadol tamid lo chasar  
lanu v’al yechsar lanu  
mazon l’olam va-ed.  
Ba-avur sh’mo hagadol ki  
hu El zan um-farnes lakol  
umeitiv lakol u-mechin  
mazon l’chol b’riyotav  
ascher bara. Baruch Ata  
Adonai, hazan et hakol.
Leader, raising the goblet of wine again:

Baruch atah Adonai,
Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
hamavdil bein kodesh l’chol,
bein or l’choshech, bein
Yisrael la-amin, bein yom
hashvi-i l’shei-shet y’mei
hama-aseh. Baruch atah
Adonai, hamavdil bein
kodesh l’chol.

Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who
has made a distinction between the holy and the ordinary,
between light and darkness, between the people of Israel and
the heathens, between the seventh day and the six ordinary
days of the week. Praised are You, Adonai, who has made a
distinction between the holy and the ordinary.

**BIRKAT HAMAZON**

**(GRACE AFTER MEALS)**

Shir hama-a-lot is sung before Grace on Sabbaths and Festivals.
HAMOTZI

(BLESSING OVER THE BREAD)

Baruch Ata Adonai,
Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who causes bread to come forth from the earth.

HAVDALAH

(END OF SHABBAT)

The Leader raises the cup of wine

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

The Leader holds up the spice-box

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of all the spices.

The spice-box is circulated; the Leader holds up the candle

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of the light of fire.
give thanks for all our blessings, for life and health, for work and rest, for home and love and friendship. And on Shabbat, eternal sign of creation, we rejoice that we are created in the divine image.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, Borei pri hagafen.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu, melech ha-olam, asher kidshanu b’mitzvotav v’ratza vanu, v’Shabbat kodsho b’ahava uv-ratzon hinchilanu, zikaron l’Ma-asei v’reisheet, Ki hu yom t’chila l’mikra-ei kodesh, zecher litziyat mitzrayim, Ki vanu vacha- rta v-otanu kidashta mikol ha-amim, v’Shabbat kodsh’cha b’ahava uv-ratzon hinchaltanu. Baruch Ata Adonai, m’kadesh haShabbat.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Blessed is the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Who hallows us with Mitzvot and takes delight in us. In God’s love and favor God has made the holy Sabbath our heritage, as a reminder of the work of creation. It is first among our sacred days, and a remembrance of the Exodus from Egypt.

O God, You have chosen us and set us apart from all the peoples, and in love and favor have given us the Sabbath day as a sacred inheritance. Blessed is the Eternal, for the Sabbath and its holiness.
Bo-i ve-shalom, a-te-ret ba-a-la;
gam be-sim-cha u-ve-tso-ho-la.
toch e-mu-nei am se-gu-la
bo-i cha-la! bo-i cha-la! Le-cha do-di . . .

Enter in peace, O crown of your husband; enter in gladness,
enter in joy. Come to the people that keeps its faith. Enter O
bride! Enter, O bride!
Beloved . . .

**HADLAKAT NEROT**

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam,
asher kidshanu b’mitzvotav
v’tzivanu L’hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

Blessed is the Eternal our God. Ruler of the universe, by Whose
Mitzvot we are hallowed, Who commands us to kindle the lights
of Shabbat.

**KIDDUSH**

**(Blessing over the Wine)**

“‘Six days shall you labor and do all your work, but the sev-
enth day is consecrated to the Eternal your God.’” With wine,
our symbol of joy, we celebrate this day and its holiness. We
Le-cha do-di lik-rat ka-la, pe-nei Sha-bat ne-ka-be-la.
Beloved, come to meet the bride; beloved, come to greet Shabbat.

"Keep" and "Remember": a single command the Only God caused us to hear; the Eternal is One, His name is One; His are honor and glory and praise.

Hit-o-re-ri, hit-o-re-ri, ki va o-reich! ku-mi, o-ri, u-ri u-ri, shir da-bei-ri; ke-vod A-do-nai a-la-yich nig-la. Le-cha do-di . . .
Awake, awake, your light has come! Arise, shine, awake and sing; the Eternal’s glory dawns upon you.
Beloved . . .
WELCOMING SHABBAT

Sing

SHALOM ALEICHEM

Sha-lom a-lei-chem,
mal-a- chei ha-sha-reit
mal-a- chei El-yon,
mi-me-lech ma-le- chei
ha-me-la-chim,
ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.
Bo-a- chem le-sha-lom,
mal-a- chei ha-sha-lom,
mal-a- chei El-yon,
mi-me-lech ma-le- chei
ha-me-la-chim,
ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.
Ba-re-chu-ni le-sha-lom,
mal-a- chei ha-sha-lom,
mal-a- chei El-yon,
mi-me-lech ma-le- chei
ha-me-la-chim,
ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.
Tsei-te-chem le-sha-lom,
mal-a- chei ha-sha-lom,
mal-a- chei El-yon,
mi-me-lech ma-le- chei
ha-me-la-chim,
ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.
DAY EIGHT

We have come to the end of our experience at the Sea Base. Do you feel good about having completed your experience? What do you think were your biggest accomplishments these past eight days?

Not all of your accomplishments have been physical ones. You have come to a better understanding of yourself and of your fellow crew members. You have grown in your appreciation of God’s land and God’s gifts to you in nature and in friendships.

Now it is time to look homeward and to family and friends there. You have matured. You are now an even greater and finer gift to them.

What do you want to do for your family when you get home? Your friends?

God, thank You for every gift You have given me these past days. As I go home, make me a special gift to my family and friends. AMEN
DAY SIX

Hallelujah.
Praise God in His sanctuary;
  praise Him in the sky, His stronghold.
Praise Him for His mighty acts;
  praise Him for His exceeding greatness.
Praise Him with blasts of the horn;
  praise Him with harp and lyre.

Praise Him with timbrel and dance;
  praise Him with lute and pipe.
Praise Him with resounding cymbals;
  praise Him with loud-clashing cymbals.
Let all that breathes praise the Lord.
  Hallelujah.

Psalm 150

DAY SEVEN

Almighty God, give me grace to keep the solemn Oath which I have made. Teach me to speak and do the truth, and to shun all that is false in speech and deed. Help me to carry out cheerfully our daily tasks, and to do the good that lies near to hand. Make me thoughtful for others and teach me the meaning of true friendship. Forgive me the wrong I have done, and give strength to resist all temptation; and when things go ill, grant that I may turn to You a trustful heart and to the world a smiling face. Help me to be a true Scout, and make me strong to follow You through all life’s way. Remind me, God, to thank the leaders of my crew for the encouragement they have given me. AMEN
How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel.

The sense of being chosen impressed itself deeply on the soul of our people. And yet they did not consider themselves superior to other nations, for they knew that all humans are God’s children. It was not their lineage but the possession of Torah that made them a choice people. For centuries they stood alone in upholding divine truth and the way of Torah in a world steeped in ignorance, superstition, and cruelty. Yet they always believed that others, too, might be chosen, if only they would choose the way of God.

Only one privilege did they claim, that of serving God and God’s truth. And with that privilege came an exacting responsibility: “You of all the families of the earth, have known Me best; therefore I will hold you all the more accountable for your iniquities.”

Israel gave birth in time to other religions that have brought many to God but our responsibility continues, for our mission remains unfulfilled. It will continue until the earth is full of the knowledge of God as the sea-bed is covered by water.

O God of Israel, teach me to be worthy of the name of Jew. May I do nothing to disgrace it. May my every act bring honor to my faith and glory to Your name. May I understand my responsibility as a Jew, to continue the task begun by earlier generations of my people who achieved greatness by their faith in the mission to which You had called them: to serve in Your name, to bring light and blessing to all the families of the earth. AMEN
And God said: “This is a beautiful world that I have given you. Take care of it; do not ruin it.”

How can I take good care of the Sea Base, my country and my world? O God, guide me as I strive to take good care of Your creation. AMEN.

DAY FOUR

For the leader; on the gittith. A psalm of David.

O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name throughout the earth, You who have covered the heavens with Your splendor!
From the mouths of infants and sucklings You have founded strength on account of Your foes, to put an end to enemy and avenger.
When I behold Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and stars that You set in place, what is man that You have been mindful of him, mortal man that You have taken note of him, that You have made him little less than divine, and adorned him with glory and majesty; You have made him master over Your handiwork, laying the world at his feet, sheep and oxen, all of them, and wild beasts, too; the birds of the heavens, the fish of the sea, whatever travels the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name throughout the earth!

Psalm 8
A song for ascents.

I turn my eyes to the mountains;  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot give way;  
your guardian will not slumber.  
See, the guardian of Israel  
neither slumbers nor sleeps!  
The Lord is your guardian,  
the Lord is your protection  
at your right hand.  
By day the sun will not strike you,  
nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will guard you from all harm;  
He will guard your life.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming  
now and forever.

Psalm 121

DAY THREE

Oh, how wonderful are the nights! The many stars seem closer than ever. This land and sea are so beautiful, the challenges renew my soul. Thank you, God, for making it possible. Remind me, as I experience the beauty of our world, that this is Your gift to us.

“And God saw everything that had been created, and found it very good.”
MEDITATIONS FOR EACH DAY

DAY ONE

God be praised, now and forever,
for giving us minds to understand Your teachings.

God be praised, now and forever,
for hands that lift up those who fall.

God be praised, now and forever,
for ears that hear the cry of those who need help.

God be praised, now and forever,
for hearts that care about the needs of others.

God be praised, now and forever,
for eyes that see the beauty of earth and sky and sea.

God be praised, now and forever,
for the new day and this new journey.

We praise God for all that is good, true,
and beautiful in our lives.

Dear God, thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be here
at the Sea Base. Give me the strength to endure, the wisdom
to enjoy each moment, and the courage to push myself further
than I ever have before. Bless my crew and its leaders as we
begin our Sea Base experience. AMEN
ADON OLAM

A-don o-lam, a-sher ma-lach  
be-te-rem kol ye-tsir niv-ra,  
le-eit na-a-sa ve-chef-tso kol,  
a-zai me-lech she-mo nik-ra.  
Ve-a-cha-rei ki-che-lot ha-kol,  
le-va-do yim-loch no-ra,  
ve-hu ha-ya, ve-hu ho-veh,  
ve-hu yi-he-yeh be-tif-a-ra.  
Ve-hu e-chad, ve ein shei ni  
le ham shil lo, le-hach-bi-ra,  
be-li rei-sheet, be-li tach-lit,  
ve-lo ha-oz ve-ha-mis-ra.  
Ve-hu Ei-li, ve-chai go-a-li,  
ve-tertsov chel-let tsa-ra,  
ve-hu ni-si u-ma-nos li,  
me-nat ko-si be-yom ek-ra.  
Be-ya-do af-kid ru-chi  
be-eit i-shan ve-a-i-ra,  
ve-im-ru-chi ge-vi-ya-ti:  
A-do-nai li, ve-lo i-ra.
Ye-hei she-la-ma ra-ba min she-ma-ya ve-cha-yim a-lei-nu ve-al kol Yis-ra-eil,

ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

O-seh sha-lom bi-me-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-lei-nu ve-al kol Yis-ra-eil, ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

May the Source of peace, send peace to all who mourn, and comfort to all who are bereaved. AMEN

EIN KEILOHEINU

Ein kei-lo-hei-nu, ein ka-do-nei-nu
Ein ke-mal-kei-nu, ein ke-mo-shi-ei-nu.
Mi chei-lo-hei-nu? Mi cha-do-nei-nu?
Mi che-mal-kei-nu? Mi che-mo-shi-ei-nu?
No-deh lei-lo-hei-nu, no-deh la-do-nei-nu
no-deh le-mal-kei-nu, no-deh le-mo-shi-ei-nu
Ba-ruch E-lo-hei-nu ba-ruch A-do-nei-nu
ba-ruch Mal-kei-nu ba-ruch Mo-shi-ei-nu
A-ta hu E-lo-hei-nu a-ta hu A-do-nei-nu
A-ta hu Mal-kei-nu a-ta hu Mo-shi-ei-nu
Yit-ga-dal ve-yit-ka-dash she-mei ra-ba be-al-ma di-ve-ra chiri-tei

ve-yam-lich mal-chu-tei be-cha-yei-chon u-ve-yo-mei-chon u-ve-cha-yei de-chol beit

Yis-ra-eil, ba-a-ga-la u-vi-ze-man ka-riv, ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.

Ye-hei she-mei ra-ba me-va-rach le-a-lam u-le-al-mei al-ma-ya.

Yit-ba-rach ve-yish-ta-bach, ve-yit-pa-ar ve-yit-ro-mam ve-yit-na-sei, ve-yit-ha-dar

ve-yit-a-leh ve-yit-ha-lal she-mei de-ku-de-sha, be-rich hu, le-ei-la min kol

bir-cha-ta ve-shi-ra-ta, tush-be-cha-ta ve-ne-che-ma-ta, da-amir-an be-al-ma,

ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.
A-lei-nu le-sha-bei-ach la-a-don ha-kol,
la-teit ge-du-lah le-ya-tseir be-rei-sheet,
she-lo a-sa-nu ke-go-yei ha-a-ra-tsold,
ve-lo sa-ma-nu ke-mish-pe-chot ha-a-da-mah;
she-lo sam chel-kei-nu ka-hem,
ve-go-ra-lei-nu ke-chol ha-mo-nam.
Va-a-nach-nu ko-re-im u-mish-ta-cha-vim u-mo-dim
li-fe-nei me-lech ma-le-chei ha-me-la-chim,
ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.

She’hu noteh shama-yim v’yosed aretz, u’moshav y’karobashama-yim mi’ma-al u’sh’chinat uzo b’gov’hei m’romim. Hu Eloheinu ein od, emet Malkenu, efes zulato. Kakatuv b’torato, v’yadata ha-yom v’hashevota el l’vavecha, ki Adonai Hu ha’Elohim bashama-yim mi’ma-al, v’al ha-aretz mitachat, ein od.

Ve-ne-e-mar: “Ve-ha-ya A-do-nai le-me-lech
al kol ha-a-rets: ba-yom ha-hu yi-he-yeh
a-do-nai e-chad u-she-mo e-chad’"
May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and on all the world. And we say: Amen.

The world stands on three things:
On the Torah, on divine service, and on deeds of loving kindness.

Purify our hearts to serve You sincerely.

I will lift my eyes to the hills
From where comes my help.
My help comes from Adonai
Who made heaven and earth.
Those who celebrate Shabbat rejoice in Your sovereignty, hallowing the seventh day, called it delight. All of them truly enjoy Your goodness. For it pleased You to sanctify the seventh day, calling it the most desirable day, a reminder of Creation.

For Sabbath Afternoon

You are One, Your name is One, and who is like Your people Israel, unique throughout the world? Singular splendor, crown of salvation, a day of rest and sanctity You have given to Your people. Abraham was glad, Isaac rejoiced, Jacob and his children found rest on this day, a rest reflecting Your lavish love and true faithfulness, in peace and tranquility, contentment and quietude, a perfect rest in which You delight. May Your children acknowledge You as their source of rest, and through their rest may they sanctify Your name.

READ TOGETHER

Ever-living God, we raise up our voices in thanksgiving for the blessings we enjoy. We are thankful for the consideration, kindness, and love of parents. Help us, O God, to be worthy of the opportunities we are given. May we always show appreciation for all the sacrifices made for our sake. Teach us to play fairly, to advance the cause of the oppressed and to lift the hands of the weak. Help us to express our thanksgiving, not only in words, but also with deeds of goodness and truth. Give us the wisdom to make the most of our Philmont experience by practicing the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law at all times. Amen.
Eternal is Your might, O God, all life is Your gift; great is Your power to save!

With love You sustain the living, with great compassion give life to all. You send help to the falling and healing to the sick; You bring freedom to the captive and keep faith with those who sleep in the dust.

Who is like You, Master of Might? Who is Your equal, O God of life and death, Source of salvation? Blessed is the Eternal, the Source of life.

You are holy, Your name is holy, and Your holy ones praise you daily. Praised are You, O Eternal, the holy God.

Our God and God of our ancestors, accept our Shabbat offering of rest. Add holiness to our lives and Your mitzvot and let Your Torah be our portion. Fill our lives with Your goodness, and gladden us with Your triumph. Cleanse our hearts and we shall serve You faithfully. Lovingly and willingly, Adonai our God, grant that we inherit Your holy gift of Shabbat forever, so that Your people Israel who hallow Your name will always find rest on this day. Praised are You, Adonai who hallows Shabbat.
Giver of loving kindness and Master of all things, You remember the faithfulness of our ancestors, and in love bring redemption to their children’s children for the sake of Your name.

You are our Sovereign and our Help, our Savior and our Shield.
Blessed is the Eternal, the Shield of Abraham.

**GOD’S POWER**


Me-chal-kei cha-yim be-che-sed, me-cha-yei mei-tim (ha-kol) be-ra-cha-mim ra-bim.
So-meich no-fe-lim, ve-ro-fei cho-lim, u-ma-tir a-su-rim, u-me-ka-yeim e-mu-na-to li-shei-nei a-far.

Mi cha-mo-cha, ba-al ge-vu-rot, u-mi do-meh lach, me-lech mei-mit u-me-cha-yeh u-mats-mi-ach ye-shu-a? Ve-ne-e-man a-ta le-ha-cha-yot ha-kol.
Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai, me-cha-yei mei-tim (ha-kol).
AMIDA

All Rise


Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your glory.

GOD OF ALL GENERATIONS

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu vei-lo-hei a-vo-tei-nu, E-lo-hei Av-ra-ham, E-lo-hei Yits-chak, vei-lo-hei Ya-a-kov: ha-eil ha-ga-dol, ha-gi-bor ve-ha-no-ra, Eil el-yon,

go-meil cha-sa-dim to-vim, ve-ko-nei ha-kol,
ve-zo-cheir cha-se-dei a-vot, u-mei-vi go-el li-ve-nei ve-nei-hem, le-ma-an she-mo, be-a-ha-va.
Me-lech o-zeir u-mo-shi-a u-ma-gein.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai, ma-gein Av-ra-ham.

We praise You, Eternal our God and God of our ancestors: God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob: great, mighty, and awesome God, most high.
Set these words which I command you this day upon your heart. Teach them faithfully to your children; speak of them in your home and on your way, when you lie down and when you rise up.

Bind them as a sign upon your hand; let them be a symbol before your eyes; inscribe them on the doorposts of your house, and on your gates.

Mi cha-mo-cha ba-ei-lim, A-do-nai?
Mi ka-mo-cha, ne-dar ba-ko-desh, no-ra te-hi-lot, o-sei fe-leh?

Who is like You, Eternal One, among the gods that are worshipped?
Who is like You, Majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

As our ancestors trusted in You, dear God, may we also trust in your salvation.
Then shall we never be shamed, for we shall put our trust in You, the great, holy, and awesome One. We shall rejoice and be glad in Your salvation, for You, O God, are the Author of many deliverances. In love You have chosen us and drawn us near to You to serve You in faithfulness and to proclaim Your unity.

Blessed is the Eternal Who in love has chosen the people Israel for service.

She-ma Yis-ra-eil A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, A-do-nai e-chad!
Hear, O Israel: the Eternal is our God, the Eternal is one!

Ba-ruch sheim ke vod mal-chu-to le o lam va ed!
Praised be God’s glorious sovereignty for ever and ever!

Ve-a-hav-ta eit A-do-nai E-lo-he-cha, be-chol le-va-ve-cha, u-ve-chol naf-she-cha, u-ve-chol me-o-de-cha.
Ve-ha-yu ha-de-va-ri-m ha-ei-leh, a-sher a-no-chi me-tsa-ve-cha ha-yom, al le-va-ve-cha.
Ve-shi-nan-tam le-va-ne-cha, ve-di-bar-ta bam be-shiv-te-cha bei-te-cha u-ve-lech-te-cha va-de-rech,
u-ve-shoch-be-cha u-ve-ku-me-cha.
U-ke-shar-tam le-ot al ya-de-cha, ve-ha-yu le-to-ta-fot bein ei-ne-cha
U-che-tav-tam al me-zu-zot bei-te-cha u-vish-a-re-cha.

You shall love Adonai your God with all your mind, with all your strength, with all your being.
Praised be the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, whose word brings the evening dusk. You open the gates of dawn with wisdom, change the day’s divisions with understanding, set the succession of seasons and arrange the stars in the sky according to Your will. You create day and night, rolling light away from darkness and darkness away from light. Eternal God, Your rule shall embrace us forever. Praised are You, God, for each evening’s dusk.

Deep is Your love for us, O Eternal our God, and great is Your compassion. Our Maker and Sovereign, our ancestors trusted You, and You taught them the laws of life: be gracious now to us, and teach us.

Have compassion upon us, O Source of mercy, and guide us to know and understand, learn and teach, observe and uphold with love all the teachings of Your Torah.

Enlighten us with Your Teaching, help us to hold fast to Your Mitzvot, and unite our hearts to love and revere Your name.
God supports all who stumble, 
and raises all who are bowed down.

All eyes look hopefully to You, to receive their food in due time.

You open Your hand, and Your favor sustains all the living.

In all His paths God is faithful; in all His deeds He is loving.

God is near to all who call, to all who call upon Him in truth.

God fulfills the desire of those who revere Him; God hears their cry and delivers them.

All who love God He preserves, but all the wicked He destroys.

My mouth shall praise God. 
Let all flesh praise God’s name throughout all time.

Psalm 145

Praised be the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who makes light and creates darkness, who ordains peace and fashions all things.

With compassion God gives light to the earth and all who dwell there; with goodness God renews the work of creation continuously, day by day.

How manifold are Your works, O God; in wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creations.
Blessed are they who dwell in Your house;  
they shall praise You forever.  

Psalm 84:5

Blessed the people who are so favored;  
blessed the people whose God is the Lord.  

Psalm 144:15

I glorify You, my God, my Sovereign; I praise You throughout all time.

Every day do I praise You, exalting Your glory forever.

Great is God, and praiseworthy;  
His greatness exceeds definition.

One generation lauds Your works to another,  
declaring Your mighty deeds.

They tell of Your wonders, and of Your glorious splendor.

They speak of Your greatness, and of Your awesome power.

They recall Your goodness; they sing of Your faithfulness.

Gracious and compassionate is God;  
patient, and abounding in love.

God is good to all; His compassion embraces all.

All of Your creatures shall praise You;  
the faithful shall repeatedly bless You.

They shall describe Your glorious sovereignty,  
declaring Your power.

And people will know of Your might,  
the splendor of Your dominion.

Your sovereignty is everlasting.  
Your dominion endures for all generations.
Hi-nei ma-tov u-ma na-im  

she-vet a-chim gam ya-chad.

How good it is, and how pleasant, when brothers and sisters live together in unity.
O God, it is not easy to pray,
And yet I pray that these few moments
Will somehow bring me closer to You.

READ RESPONSIVELY OR TOGETHER

“The Torah is a tree of life to them that hold fast to it.”

Because a Scout is reverent, a Scout strives to be true to God, to study the Torah, and to live according to its commands.

“Seek the peace of the city and pray unto God for it; for in the peace of it shall you have peace.”

Because a Scout is reverent, a Scout is loyal to America and its ideals of religious liberty to all.

“All Jews are mindful of the well-being of one another.”

Because a Scout is reverent, a Scout is loyal to the Jewish people and is ready to help other Jews everywhere.

“Honor your father and your mother that your days may be long upon the land.”

Because a Scout is reverent, a Scout is a devoted and loyal son or daughter.

“Oh, how good it is, and how pleasant, for friends to dwell together in unity.”

Because a Scout is reverent, he or she strives to be a good Scout, a good Jew, and a good American at all times.
ABOUT THIS SECTION

The Eternal our God has blessed us with life, health, and the strength and opportunity to reflect upon our spiritual condition and grow our connection with God and His creation. The tests and challenges of the Sea Base provide the chance to draw closer to God for support and deepen our respect and fellowship with our trail-mates.

This section of our trail worship book has been designed for use by Jewish crews, for Jewish Scouts and Scouters who are members of non-Jewish crews, and for the education and inspiration of persons of all faiths. In this section, you will find a worship service and aleinu for daily use; ten days of daily meditations with prayers, parables, and points on which to reflect; Shabbat rituals; and a prayer for travelers.

Prayer during the Jewish day is divided into three major periods, and there are prayer services which correspond to each of these periods. Morning prayers (Shacharit) are recited from the predawn hour when one can differentiate color using natural light through the first half of the day. Afternoon prayers (Mincha) are recited from halfway through the day until sunset, and evening prayers (Maariv) are said from sunset until the rise of the morning star. Prayers are also recited whenever appropriate for experiencing natural wonders as well as for receiving nourishment. The Jewish Sabbath is observed from 18 minutes prior to sunset on Friday (candle-lighting time) until one hour after sunset on Saturday night. To assist Jewish Scouts in calculating the proper times for services as well as for the observance of the Sabbath, we refer you to pages M-4–M-10 of this book for a reference chart.
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Likrat Shabbat, by Rabbis Sidney Greenberg and Jonathan D. Levine. Published by the Prayer Book Press, Bridgeport, Conn., 1981.Credits:
Encourage crew members to strengthen their own relationships with God through personal prayer, devotions, and participation in religious activities. As a goal, attend at least one chapel service during your week at Sea Base.

Teach the Sea Base grace to the crew and use it for meals. Learn to sing the grace as an aid to memorization and to give it lasting meaning. As a goal, have each crew member lead at least two prayers during your week at Sea Base. These can be done by leading grace, including leading the singing or saying of grace at flag ceremonies.

Organize times for reflection and meditation. Use the resources of Majestic Depths, passages from scripture, or special experiences of the day. Set aside sufficient time for discussion, reflection, and prayer. As a goal, have each crew member lead or actively participate in at least two periods of reflection during your week at Sea Base.

Provide an opportunity to learn about the religious emblems programs, religion in Scouting, and Interfaith Scout Services. Meet with the chaplain to obtain this information. As a goal, arrange a meeting between the chaplain and your crew to discuss religious programs in Scouting.

Remember to be sensitive to the various faiths and beliefs of your crew members. Collaborate with your crew leader and advisor whenever you encounter difficulties or have concerns. Remember that the Sea Base chaplain is available to help you and your crew to have the best experience possible.

If you have achieved your goals, you may be eligible for the Sea Base Duty to God award. This patch can be earned by all of your crew members, including adults! If the requirements are not in your leaders’ packet, the chaplain will provide them to you.
Welcome to Sea Base!

You are about to embark on an adventure that you will remember for the rest of your life! Whether you are sailing, diving, fishing, or camping, you will encounter some of the most beautiful sites in the entire world. Perhaps most importantly, you will see God’s handiwork, and how humankind has interacted with God’s creation.

The coral reefs upon which the Keys and islands are built support a fragile ecosystem. The colorful varieties of flora and fauna are unparalleled in all of America. You will have a chance to experience this beauty while learning how changes in the environment affect life on the reefs. You will have an opportunity to help to preserve this magnificent coral world, both on land and in the water. You will also come to realize that what we do every day when we return home has an impact on our oceans.

This worship book provides resources for the three largest faith groups in America (Christians, Jews, and Muslims). These major sections are modeled after land-based treks lasting up to 10 days, so that this book can be used in your camping experiences in other adventures as well. Keep this book handy. After returning home, take it camping with you and use the examples for worship and prayer frequently.

Additionally, sections are provided for music and interfaith worship. The hymns in Majestic Depths include several that were written specifically for the Sea Base. Baden-Powell, the founder of the world Scouting movement, affirmed that young adults can heighten their experiences, both in the adventure and in their recognition of God’s presence, with song. There is reason to sing of God’s glory at the Sea Base. Few people will ever experience what you will encounter in this adventure.

As part of your experience at Sea Base, visit the chaplain and participate in a formal worship service. If time permits, your chaplain may accept your invitation to join you in a worship service on the water or on an island, perhaps with other crews that are nearby. If you have a need for special religious services, the chaplain will help to arrange for your needs.

May God bless you with a safe, enjoyable and memorable experience.
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SEA BASE WORSHIP
FOR
JEWS, MUSLIMS, AND CHRISTIANS

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KEYS BLESSING AND GRACE

Hymn:
(to the tune of “For the Beauty of the Earth”)

For the grandeur of the Keys, for the azure of the skies,
For the cooling ocean breeze,
Coral sand beneath us lies,
Hear our voices rise to Thee, bless us while we’re on the sea.

For the coral so alive, for the treasures we explore,
For our safety when we dive,
For our captains, crew and more,
Bless us Lord, we pray to Thee, as we dive beneath the sea.

For the palm trees tall and green, for the sunsets’ golden hue,
For the sights so seldom seen,
Distant waters green and blue,
For the wonders we can see, blessings we beseech of Thee.

For the mighty winds and tide, for the steady engines’ roar,
For the Sea Base boats we ride,
Reef to reef and shore to shore,
Bless us Father while we roam, then return us safely home.

Grace:

Bless the creatures of the sea.
Bless the 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.

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