

Eagle Ceremony Prayers

Invocation #1

Lord, you bring us together this evening to honor the Eagle scout. We thank you for the food we are about to eat. We acknowledge your guidance in helping boys and adults work together to build leadership and appreciation of the outdoors. Lord, continue to watch over these boys as they grow into young men, and give the adults the patience and wisdom to guide them. Amen.

From MacScouter's Eaglebook:

Invocation #2

Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless this gathering of family and friends from near and far who have come together today to honor and celebrate with _____ his earning of the highest rank in Scouting, that of Eagle. Father, we also ask your blessing on _____'s family, Scout leaders and fellow scouts who have guided and supported _____ along the path to Eagle.

From MacScouter's Eaglebook:

Invocation #3

Let Us Pray :

Gracious God, we stand before you tonight, in awe of your magnificent glory. We thank-you for bringing us together as a family of Scouts, gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of _____ in attaining the rank of Eagle. We ask that you would bless this young man, his family, and the Scouts, Leaders, and Guests who are assembled here. We thank-you for the food that we are about to eat.

And, Father, we ask for your continued guidance for all the Scouts of Troop _____. Give our Leaders, we pray, the patience and wisdom to guide each Scout on life's pathway. We thank you for hearing our prayer tonight, for we offer it in the name of our creator, Our God. Amen.

From <http://www.minsichaplain.org>

Invocation #4

Most gracious heavenly Father, we come to you this day thanking you for your abundant blessings. Lord we ask you to join us in this celebration of _____ attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Use this ceremony Lord to inspire vision and to encourage his troop to follow in the Eagle path. Help us give well deserved praise and honor, and to also realize that becoming an Eagle Scout is not so much a destination, but a way of life. We acknowledge your guidance in helping both boys and adults to work together to build leadership and appreciation of the outdoors, even when we were unaware of Your presence. Lord, You forged the hills and mountains these young men have hiked and climbed. Your hands formed the lakes and oceans we swam. You know each animal and plant we have watched with wonder and awe. You protected us from the elements, provided the food to cook and eat, and empowered the fires that warmed us. You are the one who sharpens our minds every day to learn skills and facts, knots and first aid, how to lead and how to follow. Lord, continue to watch over Brett as he grows into a young man and give the adults the patience and wisdom to guide Brett, as well as the other Eagles-to-be. In your precious Son's name we pray. Amen.

From <http://dugmugg.wordpress.com/2008/07/07/prayers-for-our-eagle-scout/>

Invocation #5

Holy God, You forged the hills and mountains these two young men have hiked and climbed. From You flow the rivers these young men have paddled. Your hands formed the lakes and oceans these two have gone swimming in and gone sailing on. You know each animal and plant they have watched with wonder. You protected these men from the elements, provided the food to cook and eat, and empowered the fires that warmed them. You are the one who sharpens their minds every day to learn skills and facts, knots and first aid, how to lead and how to follow. It is You, who through your Son Jesus, gave us the ultimate example of servanthood and sacrifice. Holy God, make Your presence known to us tonight. Set this time apart from all the busyness of our lives. And implant rich, memories, richer than a Peter Jackson movie, into our minds—especially the minds of these two men—that can be carried forever. Blaze our trail tonight, oh God, and lead us with Your light. Amen

From <http://wmarkwhitlock.blogspot.com/2005/09/fly-like-eagle.html>

Invocation #6

Our gracious God and Father,

We thank you for this special day in the life of _____. Today we celebrate the accumulated efforts _____ has made over the years to advance in scouting. We think of all the Merit Badges he earned along the way, the oaths he learned, the character he developed, and his service to our community and fellow scouts. Little by little, month by month and year by year he was faithful, and today we celebrate this marker of faithful and hard work.

So we ask You, our Lord, to bless _____, his family who supported and encouraged him; we ask your blessing to fall upon his fellow scouts whose fellowship he enjoyed along the pathway. We thank You for the scout leaders who gave so much time and energy to develop young men like _____. Bless them with the certainty that their work has influenced the course of many lives. We all benefit because of their sacrifices and leadership.

And so our God, we pray that you would bless this celebration as we rejoice with _____.

We pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.

From Pastor Ed - <http://www.highlandpc.com/prayers/eaglesct.php>

Invocation #7

Dear Father, in Heaven,

We give thanks to you for allowing us to be here, together, for the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for _____. We are thankful for the Boy Scouts of America organization and the opportunities it supplies to young men to develop skills, friendships, leadership and character. Thank you for the hard work, friendship and leadership that _____ has given to Troop _____. Continue blessing _____ and our troop as you have blessed us in the past. We also pray that _____' accomplishment will inspire others, here, to follow his lead and strive for excellence in their own lives.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

From <http://troop801.com/eagles/ecoh-chrism.htm>

Benediction #1

We thank you, God, for the opportunity to come together as family, friends, leaders and fellow scouts on this significant day in _____'s life. We thank you God for your support of everyone who has helped guide _____ on his Eagle Trail. We are grateful for the scouting experiences and opportunities that have led to this day. Help _____ to live up to the honor, responsibility, and expectations that this Eagle award represents. Help him wear this title with pride and distinction, as an example to others. Help him Lord to fly in your presence with the wings of an eagle. _____, may you soar. May God's breath fill your wings and carry you to your destiny. May you continue to grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man. May you keep yourself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. May you lead by influence and not by title alone. May you lead with that delicate mix of humility, strength, example, and force. May you build into the lives of other young men – future Eagles – for all of your days. And...may the great Master of all Scouts be with us until we meet again.

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Benediction #2

Our God, we have heard a lot today about character, persistence, courage, loyalty, cheerfulness, service, setting an example, protecting the weak and the helpless. Lord, we admire these qualities, and we pray that they would serve _____ well over his lifetime.

We know, Lord, that being an Eagle Scout is a lifelong responsibility, and we pray not only that _____ would exemplify these qualities, but we ask that he might influence others to do the same.

Now dismiss us with your blessing, we pray,

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

From Pastor Ed - <http://www.highlandpc.com/prayers/eaglesct2.php>

Benediction #3

Always remember that the LORD gives strength to those who are weary. Even young people get tired, then stumble and fall. But those who trust the LORD will find new strength. They will be strong like eagles soaring upward on broad wings; They will walk and run without getting tired. May you soar. May God's breath fill your wings and carry you to your destinies. May you continue to grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man. May you keep yourselves physically strong, mentally awake, morally straight. May you lead by influence and not title alone. May you lead with that tenuous mix of humility, strength, example, and force. May you build into the lives of other young men—future Eagles—for all of your days. And... may the great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us until we meet again. Amen

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Benediction #4

Dear Father in Heaven,

We thank you for allowing us to be here to witness this special award given to _____. We also thank you for allowing many friends and family who have had so much influence on _____ to be here to share in this award.

We again ask that you continue to bless _____, our Troop, the Boy Scouts of America and our country. May each of us serve You in a way that is pleasing to you.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

From <http://troop801.com/eagles/ecoh-chrism.htm>

Benediction #4

These young men have achieved a remarkable accomplishment, and I am honored to share this day with them and with you.

The author of Hebrews reminds us that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, and watching you young men here tonight I see that you are likewise surrounded by many such witnesses: those Eagle Scouts of many generations who have gone before you and the Boy Scouts who are following behind you. They are all watching you, observing your behavior, and therefore I exhort you to cast off all that hinders and entangles and run with perseverance the race that is set before you. The world is watching to see the manner of your conduct: run well.

Would you all please bow with me in prayer.

Almighty father, Master of Heaven and Earth, we thank you this day for your mercy and providence which has brought us to this moment. Thank You gracious Lord for the witness we have seen on display here today in the lives of these outstanding young men, and for the light that lives in their example. Help us, Father, to learn from their commitment to service, citizenship, and character.

We ask today for your blessing on these Eagle Scouts as they continue to serve You, this nation, and our community. Father keep them in Your divine care, make your face to shine upon them, be gracious to them and give them peace.

Now to He who came among us in flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, ascended into Glory and is now preached among the nations, Jesus the risen Christ, be all glory and honor, forever and ever. Amen.

From <http://nbccjax.org/blogs/ziklag.php/2010/01/eagle-scout-court-of-honor-benediction>

General Prayer #1

Master of the Universe
Grant me the ability to be alone;
May it be my custom to go outdoors each day
Among the trees and grass, among all living things.
And there may I be alone, and enter into prayer,
To talk with the one to whom I belong.
May I express there everything in my heart,
And may all the foliage of the field
(All grasses, trees, and plants)
May they all awake at my coming,
To send the powers of their life into the words of my prayer
So that my prayer and speech are made whole
Through the life and the spirit of all growing things,
Which are made as one by their transcendent source.

by Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav (1722-1811)

General Prayer #2

One of the objectives of Scouting, duty to others, is readily expressed in the following writing:

What can we give?

- Our Friendship to those who need it.
- Our Love to those close to us.
- Our Thanks to those who deserve it.
- Our Encouragement to those who are unsure.
- Our Support to those who seek it.
- Our Respect to those who have earned it.
- Our Understanding to those whose views differ.
- Our Comfort to those who suffer illness.
- Our Consolation to those who grieve.
- Our Time to causes we deem worthy.

These are gifts we can all afford to give. None is beyond our means, none has to be gift-wrapped, and none needs to be exchanged for size or color preference. A gift of oneself is precious not only to the recipient, but enriches the giver as well.

From <http://www.scoutsonline.com/troop30/coh/stan2.asp>

