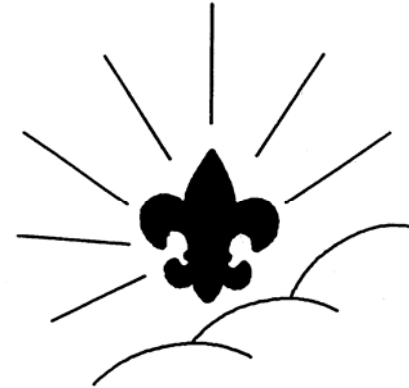


Prayer

Everyone: *Heavenly Father, give me the kind of cheerfulness that does not depend on what is happening around me. May I find happiness wherever I go because I carry it in my heart. So may I be a blessing to my family and friends. Amen.*



Troop 626
Sunday Morning, Lake Somerville
August 22, 1999



CHEERFUL

Worship Leader: *“A Scout is Cheerful.”*

Everyone: *“A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.”*

Worship Leader: *“Our moods make our days. If we are grouchy, our day is gloomy. If we are happy, our day is always happier.”*

Everyone: *“Let us always be cheerful, even when we do not feel like being cheerful.”*

Worship Leader: *“If a football team took to the field in the second-half after a drubbing in the first half with sour, glum faces, a coach would feel like throwing up his hands and leaving the side lines. Cheerfulness is the oil of life. It is what makes the machinery of living run smoothly. Be cheerful in the face of defeat and you will soon learn not to recognize defeat. When you do that, you will never lose.”*

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Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing, fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass,
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day.

Psalms 100:1-2

Worship Leader: *"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing."*

Everyone: Dear Father, Help us to smile whenever we can. To obey promptly and cheerfully, and to never shirk or grumble at hardships. Amen.

John 16:22

Worship Leader: *"Your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."*

Everyone: When others grumble, let us be Cheerful.

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Brighten the Corner

Do not wait until some deed
Of greatness you may do,
Do not wait to shed your light afar.
To the many duties ever near you now be true,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Brighten the corner where you are.
Someone far from harbor you may guide across the bar,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Just above the cloudy skies
That you may help to clear,
Let not narrow self your way debar,
Though into one heart alone
May fall your song of cheer,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Worship Leader: *If we are humble, merciful, pure in heart, peaceful, and always try to do right and remain true to our convictions no matter what the cost, we find the sources of lasting joy.*

Do not confuse real happiness with the kind of passing pleasure that comes merely from having money to buy material things. True cheerfulness comes from within. It has its source in what a Scout is inside rather than in what he has. It depends less on outer circumstances than on the inner spirit. This is what Jesus meant when he said, "No one will take your joy from you."