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The purpose of the Interfaith Worship is to share expressions of worship from a variety of faiths as we share together. The hope in sharing is to recognize the unique and the universal experiences in time together. We are United as Girl Scouts and in honoring faith.

All Responses are in **bold**. Please join as is appropriate to your faith.

*Litany of the Saints – A Catholic Prayer*

As we begin, we ask our ancestors and mothers in faith to pray with us. The response is “**pray for us**”

St. Michael, **pray for us.**

St. Gabriel, **pray for us.**

St. Raphael, **pray for us.**

All you Holy Angels and Archangels, **pray for us.**

Mother Sarah, **pray for us.**

Mother Rachel, **pray for us.**

Mother Rebecca, **pray for us.**

Mother Ruth, **pray for us.**

Mary, mother of Jesus, **pray for us**

St. Mary Magdalene, **pray for us.**

St. Agnes, **pray for us.**

St. Cecilia, **pray for us.**

St. Catherine, **pray for us.**

St. Clare, **pray for us.**

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, **pray for us.**

St. Katharine Drexel, **pray for us.**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, **pray for us.**

All you Holy Saints of God, **pray for us.**

Lord, let the effects of your blessing and grace remain with our Girl Scouts. Give them new life and strength of spirit so that the power of your love will enable them to accomplish what is right and Good. **Amen.**

*Honoring the Founder - African Methodist Episcopal*

We come together from many faiths, united by service, leadership, and community. Today, we honor Richard Allen, founder of the AME Church, whose courage and commitment to justice inspire us to lead with purpose and serve with compassion.

Richard Allen taught us to serve our communities.

**All: We will serve others with kindness and respect.**

The Girl Scout Promise calls us to help people at all times.

**All: We will be helpful, caring, and responsible leaders.**

Together, we build bridges of understanding and peace.

**All: We will respect and welcome all people.**

Richard Allen demonstrated that faith inspires action. Girl Scouts continue his legacy by being honest, fair, friendly, helpful, courageous, and strong, and by working to make the world a better place.

Thank you for Richard Allen's example and for the gift of gathering. Guide us to lead with courage, serve with compassion, and treat everyone with dignity and respect.

**Amen.**

**All: We are Girl Scouts. We are leaders. We are called to serve.**

Please follow along as we hear a prayer from the Eastern Orthodox.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,  
You who are in all places and fill all things.  
Treasury of blessings and Giver of Life,  
Come and dwell in us,  
Cleanse us of every stain,  
And save our souls, O Gracious Lord

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The Inspirational Message is being shared by Girl Scouts, with Leah leading.

The Crayon Box

Narrator - while walking into a toy store the day before today, I overheard a crayon box with many things to say.

Reader one - "I don't like red."

Reader 2- "nor do I."

Reader 3- "and no one here likes orange, but no one knows just why."

Reader 4 - "We are a box of crayons that don't get along; something here is very wrong."

Narrator -Well, I bought that box of crayons and took it home with me and laid out all the colors so that the crayons all could see. They watched me as I colored with red, blue, and green, black, and white, and orange, and every color in between.

They watched as green became the grass and blue became the sky, and the yellow sun was shining bright on white clouds drifting by. And when I finally finished, I began to walk away, and as I did, the crayon box had something more to say.

Reader 1- "I do like red."

Reader 2- "so do I"

Reader 3- "and Blue, you were terrific"

Reader 4 - "so high up in the sky"

All readers - "we are a box of crayons, each one of us unique, but when we get together, the picture is more complete."

Narrator - we are all different, like a box of crayons; we come from different schools, families, and groups of friends. Each of us is unique and brings something special, but we are also bound by what we have in common, and we are all Girl Scouts bound to our promise and law and committed to making the world a better place.

### "The Circle of Light" a Story for Girl Scouts – Islamic

A group of Girl Scouts once gathered for an interfaith campfire. As the fire crackled, one Scout noticed a girl sitting quietly at the edge of the circle, holding a small lantern.

Curious, she asked, "Why did you bring a lantern when we already have a fire?"

The girl smiled. "In Islam, light is a reminder. The Qur'an says, 'God's mercy encompasses all things.' It helps me remember that no matter where we come from, we're all held in something bigger than ourselves."

The first Scout sat beside her. "So the lantern is about mercy?"

"Yes," the girl said. "But also about guidance. Islam teaches that when you don't know the whole path, you take the next good step—be kind, be honest, help someone, tell the truth, stand up for what's right. The lantern reminds me that even a small light can help someone find their way."

The other Scouts joined them, forming a wider circle around the lantern and the fire. One said, "That sounds a lot like what we try to do in Girl Scouts—make the world a better place, even if we start small."

The girl nodded. "Exactly. My faith teaches me to walk with compassion. The Girl Scout Promise teaches to serve with courage. When we bring our lights together, the circle gets brighter for everyone."

And for the rest of the night, the lantern stayed lit—not because the fire needed it, but because the circle did.

(Holding place for final sharing only)

### *The Heart of our Faith in a Scripture - Lutheran*

Romans 1:17 "For in it [the Gospel] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'"

## Meditation - Buddhist

### The Golden Chain

I am a link in the Buddha's golden chain of love that stretches around the world.

I must keep my link bright and strong.  
I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing and protect all who are weaker than myself.

I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts, to say pure and beautiful words, and to do pure and beautiful deeds, knowing that on what I do now depends not only my happiness or unhappiness, but also that of others.

May every link in the Buddha's golden chain of love become bright and strong and may we all attain perfect peace.

(holding place only for final meditation)

## A Three-Mile Walk - United Methodist

A young woman once asked an older Methodist pastor, "What does it really mean to be a Christian in the Wesleyan way?"

The pastor didn't answer. Instead, she pointed down the road and said, "Walk with me."

They walked one mile in silence. Finally, the young woman said, "Are we going somewhere?"

"Yes," the pastor replied, "to the place where grace found you before you ever thought to look for God."

That's the first mile—prevenient grace. God walked it long before you did."

They walked a second mile. The pastor said, "This is the mile where you learn to trust Christ, where grace becomes personal and saving. But Wesleyans never stop here. Salvation is a doorway, not a finish line."

They walked a third mile. The pastor stopped and looked her in the eye. "This mile is the Wesleyan mile. It's where grace becomes holiness of heart and life—where faith becomes love, where Scripture becomes a way of living, where you discover that God's grace doesn't just forgive you; it forms you."

The young woman asked, "So the Wesleyan tradition is a three-mile walk?"

"No," the pastor said. "It's the decision to keep walking. Grace goes first, grace saves, and grace makes us like Christ. Our job is simply to keep saying yes."

*Miracles by Rabbi Sidney Goldberg (about Modim- the prayer of thankfulness) - Jewish*

We look for miracles in the extraordinary, while too often we remain oblivious to the miracles which abound in the ordinary moments of our lives.

Our lives are drenched in miracles. Miracles are all around us - and within us. We are each walking miracles.

When we are bruised, what miracle heals us? When we sleep, what miracle restores us? When we see beauty, what miracle elevates us? When we hear music, what miracle moves us?

When we are suffering, what miracle saddens us? When we give and receive love, what miracle warms us? When we pray what miracle renews us?

Every springtime is a miracle, every snowflake is a miracle, every newborn is a miracle. The thoughts we think, the words we utter, the hopes we cherish - each is a miracle.

We live from miracle to miracle. That is why the Modim reminds us to be thankful for God's miracles which are daily with us.

Thank you for coming today.

When we all stand together, like the crayons in a box or lights for the world, we become a miracle, United by Girl Scouts and a shared respect for faith. Come see the Faith Booths in the hall. Thank you for being here and more so for being who you are.



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