

The Wood Badge Prayer

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Great Spirit, Thank You for guiding me to Gilwell.
Thank You for my Animal Spirit Guide and for those who share it with me.

Great Spirit, I am afraid.

As I have climbed Your Mountain, I have learned the Wisdom,

But as I look at my Guides, I ask myself:

Can I ever have the Sincerity of my Troop guide?

Can I ever have the Ageless Wisdom of the Instructor?

Can I ever have the Fatherly Love of the Scoutmaster?

How can I ever mean as much to others as they mean to me?

As I look down the Mountain at those who seek my guidance, I feel unworthy.

When I look up to the Clouds and see the Spirit in the Quartermaster,

I wonder if I can care so much for so long.

Great Spirit, I will not let my fear cause me to fail, but I know I will need help.

Grant my heart Wings that I may soar with the Songmaster.

Grant me Charity that I may wear the Caring Smile of the Assistant
Scoutmaster.

Grant me the Strength that I may show the Confident Leadership of the Senior
Patrol Leader.

Grant me these, Great Spirit, and I will carry this Learning to every young man
who looks up his Mountain and to me, his Guide.

I will share Your Wisdom all of my days until I join my Wood Badge Guides
again and we walk with Impeesa through the Lea of Gilwell.