

## ***Girl Scout® Graces***

*A Girl Scout is Thankful.* Wherever you travel in the world you will find Girl Scouts and Girl Guides singing grace before a meal. Many graces have religious references so be sure to discuss personal beliefs and opting out with your girls if the group decides on a grace with religious wording. In some cases you can adjust the lyrics to a more secular tone, but be careful, many people are sensitive about changing someone's written work. If you do change any wording be sure the girls understand that they are not learning the work as originally written. Following are some common graces and grace lyrics written to familiar tunes.

### ***Celebration Grace***

Tune: *Ode to Joy* - Beethoven  
Contributed by *Sunny Baddour*

We give thanks to God above  
And surely do not hesitate,  
We've grown strong and we belong  
Together here to celebrate.  
Daisy's hope of long ago  
Has grown beyond our wildest dreams,  
We give thanks to God above  
And heed His call with Girl Scout love.

### ***Edelweiss***

Tune: *Edelweiss* - Sound of Music  
Contributed by *Santa Clara County Council*

Bless our friends, bless our food,  
Come, O Lord, and sit with us  
May our talk glow with peace,  
Bring Your love to surround us.  
Friendship and peace, may it bloom and grow,  
Bloom and grow forever.  
Bless our friends, bless our food,  
Bless our dear land forever.  
*Alternate end:* Bless all Girl Scouts forever.

### ***God Bless***

Tune: *Oh, Dear What Can the Matter Be*  
Contributed by *Sunny Baddour*

God bless the girls at this meeting  
God bless the food that we're eating  
God bless the ones who are leading  
May God bless Girl Scouts everywhere.

### ***\*God Bless (Thanks For . . .)***

Tune: *Oh, Dear What Can the Matter Be*  
Adapted by *Anita Farley* from *God Bless*

Thanks for the girls at this meeting  
And thanks for the food that we're eating  
Thanks for the ones who are leading  
And thanks for Girl Scouts everywhere.

### ***God Is Great***

Tune: *Rock Around the Clock*  
Contributed by *Golden Valley Daisy Low Notes*

God is great, God is good,  
And we thank Him for our food  
We're gonna thank Him in the morning, noon, and  
night,  
We're gonna thank our God 'cause He's outta sight!  
Amen ch-ch-ch ch-ch-ch ch-ch-ch  
Amen ch-ch-ch ch-ch-ch ch-ch-ch Amen

### ***God Our Father***

Tune: *Frère Jacques*  
Contributed by *Sunny Baddour*

God our Father, God our Father,  
Once again, once again,  
We will ask Thy blessing,  
We will ask Thy blessing,  
A-men, a-men.

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### ***My God***

Tune: *My Guy*  
Contributed by *Sunny Baddour*

Before every meal, I show how I feel to my God  
(my God)  
There's nothing you can bet, that can make me forget  
To thank my God (my God)  
I gave my Girl Scout word of honor  
To serve my God - and I'm gonna  
So I'm tellin' it from the start  
The praise comes from my heart  
To my God. (What you say?)  
My God!... (Who?) *softer* My God Yeah!

\* No religious references

**Orchard and Ocean**

Tune: *Tell Me Why*

Contributed by *Sunny Baddour*

Orchard and ocean, farm and field,  
We thank our Maker for all that they yield  
For earth and water, for flower and seed,  
We thank You, God, in thought, word, and deed.

**Thank You**

Tune: *Michael Row the Boat Ashore*

Contributed by *Sunny Baddour*

Thank you for the world so sweet - alleluia  
Thank you for the food we eat - alleluia  
Thank you for the birds that sing - alleluia  
Thank you, God, for everything - alleluia  
\*Alternate last line: We give thanks for everything -  
alleluia

**Today, God Our Father**

Tune: *Today* by Randy Sparks, 1964

Contributed by *Sunny Baddour*

Today, God our Father, we thank You in prayer,  
And ask You to bless all the food that we share,  
We ask You to keep us in Your precious sight.  
Guide us this day and keep us from harm  
Tonight.

**The Selkirk Grace**

Tune: *Auld Lang Syne* Robert Burns

(in broad Scots)

From *Let's Sing* Girl Guides Association New Zealand

O some hae meat and canna eat,  
And some hae nae that want it.  
But we hae meat, and we can eat,  
And sae the Lord be thankit.

**\*Twinkle Grace**

Tune: *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*

Contributed by *San Francisco Bay Girl Scout  
Council*

Thank you for the food we eat  
Thank you for new friends we meet  
Thank you for our scouting days  
As we learn in fun-filled ways  
May we always try to do  
As we promised, duty true

**\*Twinkle Grace (Camp Grace)**

Tune: *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*

Contributed by *Sunny Baddour*

Thank you, thank you for our meal  
Cooked on wood in pots of steel.  
Looks so good and smells so fine,  
I can't wait 'til I eat mine.  
Thank you, thank you for our meal  
Cooked on wood in pots of steel.

**\*We Are Thankful**

Tune: *Frère Jacques*

Contributed by *Sunny Baddour*

We are thankful, we are thankful  
For this day, work and play  
Learn and share together, Girl Scouts together,  
As we live, thanks we give.

**We Gather**

Tune: *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*

Contributed by *Sunny Baddour*

We gather together to ask for Your blessing  
We gather to thank You in prayer  
Please bless all this food we are sharing  
And keep us in Your tender care.

**Zippedy Doo Dah Grace**

Tune: *Zippedy Doo Dah*

Allie Wrubel, 1945 Contributed by *Sunny Baddour*

Zippedy doo dah, zippedy ay,  
I am grateful for God's blessings today,  
I've plenty to eat, to drink, and to share,  
I sit at God's table and see friends everywhere.

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