



P.R.A.Y. Attends G.I.R.L. 2017



G.I.R.L. 2017 presented a wonderful opportunity for P.R.A.Y. to connect with council staff and volunteers (not to mention the number of Girl Scouts who stopped by the P.R.A.Y. booth to add a prayer to our Prayer Wall - see article below).

P.R.A.Y. CEO Jason Noland was energized by the number of Girl Scout professionals eager for information and resources to help incorporate and connect faith-based programs into the Girl Scout experience. There were a significant number of Interfaith or Faith-Based Initiative Program staff specialists who visited and we are eager to work with you in the near future for webinars and relationship building. If you fill this role in your council, let us know who you are! We will stay in touch about upcoming events and future webinars

Meeting girls and talking to P.R.A.Y. award recipients was a highlight for Deb Hazlewood. "I love working with the P.R.A.Y. curriculum, but to talk to girls face-to-face is awesome!"

P.R.A.Y. is looking forward to the 2020 National Girl Scout Convention in Orlando!

National Interfaith Committee on Girl Scouting

PRAY facilitated a meeting of the National Interfaith Committee for Girl Scouting at G.I.R.L. 2017 in Columbus, OH. Jennifer Allebach, Vice President of Girl Experience, represented GSUSA and shared her own faith and her background in Girl Scouting and discussed her role and work of the Girl Experience Team. Discussion was held on how to strengthen the connection between the Interfaith Committee and GSUSA and better integrate faith-based programs into Girl Scouting. Participants were energized by the open dialogue and exchange of ideas and look forward to the follow-up and continued dialogue with Jennifer Allebach.

Click on the [To Serve God](#) chart for a listing of the organizations that administer religious awards for their members who are Girl Scouts.



Front Left to Right: Heather O'Bannon, Kristin Rogahn, Rev. Carol Rahn, Deb Hazlewood
 Middle Left to Right: Antonia Garza, Tara Mochizuki, Blanche Ricci, Jill Tanney, Jennifer Allebach, Susan Lawyer
 Back Left to Right: Richard Odagawa, Nathan Williams, Joy Dietspiff, Sofina Qureshi, Jill Heink, Matthew Rogahn, Vivianne Frye-Perry, Jason Noland

Girl Scouts Build Prayer Wall

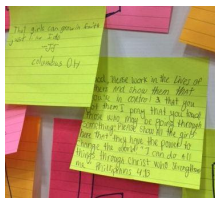
The P.R.A.Y. Booth at G.I.R.L. 2017 featured a P-A-T-H hopscotch to learn the parts of prayer (**P**raise-**A**pology-**T**hanks-**H**elp). Girls hopped along "P-A-T-H" which led to a prayer wall. Some of the prayers offered by the Girl Scouts to are shared below. When it came time to dismantle the P.R.A.Y. booth, all the prayers were gathered for display and used during the Interfaith Worship Service on Sunday morning led by Rev. Carol Rahn.



The following prayers were copied from the Prayer Wall:

"God, where are you? Come and be in my heart, my hand, my actions!"

"That girls can grow in faith just like I do."



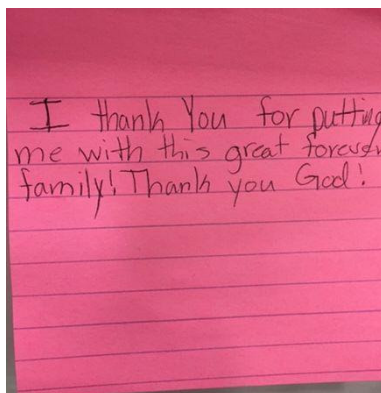
"God, please work in the lives of others and show them that you're in control and that you got them. I pray that you touch those who may be going through something! Please show all the girls here that they have the power to change the world! 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'" Philipians 4:13.



Posting a prayer for her Aunt Nicole, this Brownie Girl Scout is pleased to let her aunt know that she continues to be in her thoughts and prayers.

This Junior Girl Scout offered up a heartfelt prayer of thanks for her

"forever" family!



**Thank you, Girl Scouts, for sharing your prayers.
Our prayer for you is that you continue to grow strong in faith and in service to God!**

Making the Faith Connection

All Girl Scouts promise “to serve God,” but not all Girl Scouts are aware of the faith-based programs available to them. How well does your council do when it comes to making the faith connection? Here are examples of how some councils are promoting faith-based programs.



[Girl Scouts of Western Ohio - The Blog](#)
[Heart of Michigan](#)
[Arizona Cactus-Pine](#)
[Greater Atlanta - Church Bulletin Flyer](#)
[Central Texas](#)
[San Jacinto blog](#)

Share what your council is doing to make Girl Scouts aware of faith-based programs. Do you offer special events or trainings? Do your newsletters feature religious award recipients or highlight program opportunities? Send your stories to [P.R.A.Y.](#) Together let's help Girl Scouts make the faith connection!

Coming: Girl Scout Sunday

Girl Scout Week starts with Girl Scout Sunday and ends with Girl Scout Sabbath on Saturday. This year Girl Scout Sunday falls on March 11th. It is appropriate that Girl Scouts celebrate their faith and spirituality. Many girls use this opportunity to receive their religious emblem. **Start working and planning now how you will celebrate Girl Scout Sunday in March 2018.**

Thank you for helping Girl Scouts fulfill their promise *To Serve God*.

