

**Litany for the close of Covenant Heights**  
**September 2, 2017**

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L: To the God of Glory who called us together,

C: Praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

L: Lord, we read in your word there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

L2: A time to plant and time to uproot, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to be born and a time to die.

C: Lord, we come before you with sorrowful, yet grateful hearts as we recognize that the ministry of Covenant Heights Camp and Retreat Center has come to the end of its season. In the midst of the mix of emotions that wash over us, we ask you to focus our hearts on who you are and what you have done in and through the camp.

L2: Birthed in 1946 by the Rocky Mountain Covenant Conference and a handful of people with a compelling vision, the camp sought to provide inspiration, Christian community and evangelism to the young people of its supporting churches.

L: As the camp became operational in 1948, the word spread and immediately other church groups began to use the facility as well.

L2: Over the intervening 71 years Covenant Heights has been a community of faith, centered on God's word, worship and life together within the context of the great outdoors, always seeking to bring the good news of Jesus to all that came to camp.

C: God in Heaven, we have seen and heard of your work through the generations in the lives and stories of all those connected with the camp.

L: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your servants – the permanent staff over the years and the seasonal staff who have served so faithfully.

C: We thank you for all those who have given of themselves, for the many financial donors and those who have volunteered on work teams and boards.

L2: Thank you for the Midwest Covenant Conference and the churches of the Front Range, Eastern Colorado and Western Kansas who supported Covenant Heights by sending campers and gifts of time, talent and treasure, in furtherance of this ministry.

C: Lord, we thank you for the thousands of people from 9 months to 90 years, that grew in your image through the ministry of the camp.

L: Thank you for the camp community where spiritual battles were fought and won, where a love of your creation was encouraged, and campers of all ages struggled honestly with questions of faith.

L: But mostly Lord Jesus, we thank you for the hope that is found in you, for the opportunity that comes from living your mission for our world, and for a future that is different from what has been.

C: And now as we stand here as one Covenant body together we confess these things:

L: Great and numerous are the kindnesses that the Lord extended to Covenant Heights; for each of them we offer thanks and humble gratitude.

C: Any one of these would be sufficient to show God's love for us.

L2: Had God done nothing more than build this community of faith between the splendor of Twin Sisters and the majesty of Longs Peak and empower it for 71 years of ministry,

C: For that alone we should be grateful!

L: Had God done nothing more than give us camps and counselors, staff and volunteers who spoke God's word with spirit and compassion,

C: For that alone we should be grateful!

L: Had God done nothing more than give us each other to love, to serve, to comfort and sustain in the spirit of Christ,

C: For that alone we should be grateful!

L: How great and numerous are the kindnesses that the Lord has shown us! For all these gifts we gladly say

All: It is to you that we give glory, it is to you, O Lord, who is holy that we lift our hearts, It is to you, O Lord, that we give praise and adoration for the work that has been called Covenant Heights Camp and Retreat Center. Thanks be to you!

L: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen,

C: Amen.