



SOLDIER'S COVENANT RENEWAL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

Meeting Element Ideas

The Soldier's Covenant Renewal Sunday is an opportunity for renewed commitment for ALL attendees of The Salvation Army, including soldiers, adherents, and individuals who call The Army their home. Although the Covenant is written with the soldier in mind, it may challenge those who have not yet made the commitment to soldiership to consider exploring this possibility. The following are some ideas you may find helpful in observance of this special Sunday opportunity.

Please prepare the following items before the service:

- Use the items below in your service, as desired.
- Print enough copies of the **Soldier's Covenant Renewal** for each soldier in your congregation. (Attached Covenants are formatted to be printed and cut in half.)
- Make pens available for Covenant signing.

Opening Prayer:

O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us.

Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *(David Tripp, England, 20th Century)*

Call to Worship/Responsive Reading:

O God, our Covenant Friend, you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives. We thank you for your loving care, which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you, and have given us your peace. You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit and the witness of your Church.

We praise your holy name, O God.

You have been our light in darkness and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation. You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

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You remembered us when we forgot you. You followed us even when we tried to flee from you. You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you. For all your patience and overflowing grace.

We praise your holy name, O God.

Song Options:

SB#255/HC#286 – I'm set apart for Jesus	TB-213 – Aurelia HC-286	HTD3-T3 (3 vs.) HCD27-T16
SB#568/HC#30/SS#117 – All that I am	SB – same HC-30 SS-117	No CD HCD2A-T20
SB#634 – When from sin's dark hold Thy love had won me	TB-903 – Trust in God	No CD
SB#640 – For every rule of life required	TB-416 – Pembroke	No CD
SB#699/HC#207/SS#88 – Every promise we can make (Grace Alone)	TB-640 – same HC-207 SS-88	No CD HCD19-T17
SB#946 – A charge to keep I have	TB-148 – Dennis	No CD
SB#961 – In this hour of dedication	TB-302 – Pass me not	HTD9-T15 (4 vs.)
SB#581 – Father, let me dedicate	TB-743 – Love at home	HTD7-T12 (3 vs.)
SB#595/HC#173 – In this quiet moment	TB-186 – same HC-173	No CD HCD16-T13
HC#126 – My Desire	HC-126	HCD11-T16
HC#196 – Take My Life/I Am Yours	HC-196	HCD18-T16
Old SB#784 – Come, let us use the grace divine	TB-91 – Lloyd	HTD2-T1 (3 vs.)
<p>1. Come, let us use the grace divine, And all, with one accord, In a perpetual covenant join Ourselves to Christ the Lord;</p> <p>2. Give up ourselves, through Jesus' power, His name to glorify; And promise in this sacred hour For God to live and die.</p>	<p>3. The covenant we this moment make Be ever kept in mind: We will no more our God forsake, Or cast his words behind.</p> <p>4. We never will throw off his fear Who hears our solemn vow; And if thou art well pleased to hear, Come down and meet us now.</p>	
Old SB#919 – O Saviour, now to Thee we raise	TB-442 – Melita	HTD9-T11 (4 vs.)
<p>1. O Saviour, now to thee we raise With thankful hearts a song of praise, For all that thou for us hast done, For sinners saved, for victories won; That more may thy salvation see, We dedicate ourselves to thee.</p> <p>2. O bring the vilest and the worst, Whose lives are most by sin accurst, That they may know there's mercy still And hope for whosoever will; That sinners changed to saints may be, We dedicate ourselves to thee.</p>	<p>3. That soldiers may be trained to fight, And daily walk with thee in white, That they thy purpose more may know, And do thy perfect will below, That all through thee may victors be, We dedicate ourselves to thee.</p>	

Special Music Options:

Produced by **The Salvation Army Canada & Bermuda Territory**. Includes downloadable Piano, Brass, Choral and Chord Charts, as well as Lyric Video, MP3, and Backing Track/Multitrack Stems:

Take My Life (I Am Yours) by Frances Ridley Havergal (arranged by Laura Rowsell, 2022)

<https://salvationist.ca/music-and-arts-ministries/salvation-worship/full-song-list/take-my-life-i-am-yours/>

All There Is of Me by Sidney Cox (arranged by Noel Brooks, 2024)

<https://salvationist.ca/music-and-arts-ministries/salvation-worship/full-song-list/all-there-is-of-me-1/>

More Like You by Osei Stewart, 2024

<https://salvationist.ca/music-and-arts-ministries/salvation-worship/full-song-list/more-like-you/>

O to Be Like Thee! by Thomas Obediah Chisholm (arranged by Nicholas King, 2022)

<https://salvationist.ca/music-and-arts-ministries/salvation-worship/full-song-list/o-to-be-like-thee/>

What is a Covenant?

A Covenant is an all-embracing binding promise or serious solemn agreement between two parties, often under oath and seal.

On this first Sunday of a New Year, as we gather together in community, we want to take time to renew our personal Soldier's Covenant. This is a sacred time of self-examination, reflection, and dedication; wholly giving up ourselves once again, or perhaps for the first time, in covenant with God and The Salvation Army. "Anything that we do, either publicly as a community of Salvationists, or as individuals, must be consistent with the declarations we make" (*Called to Be a Soldier*, pg. 78).

[As a congregation, you may want to recite together the eleven Salvation Army Doctrines of faith before distributing the Soldier's Covenant Renewal to reflect on and sign.]

Prayer Prompts:

- **Thank God** for the privilege of being a part of His plan for the world
- **Ask God** to help you reach even more people for Jesus
- **Ask God** to give you courage to break out of your comfort zone so you can speak for Him
- **Ask God** to put someone in your path today so that you can share the Good News

Father, we want to care about the whole world the way You do. Let our hearts be moved by the millions who have yet to hear the Good News of Your love. Help me to live up to the Covenant I have signed today. I commit the rest of my life to serving your purposes in my generation—anywhere, anytime, anyway. Help me to spread this message to others so they can become what you made them to be. In Jesus' name, Amen. (*The Purpose Driven Life Journal*)

Scripture Texts for Devotional or Sermon:

- 2 Chronicles 34:29-33
- 1 Peter 1:3-16
- 2 Kings 23:1-3

For additional information, please see "**Called to Be a Soldier: Exploring the Soldier's Covenant**," The Salvation Army, London, copyright 2020.



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I will live by the truths of the Bible expressed in The Salvation Army's eleven articles of faith.

I will be responsive to the Holy Spirit's work in my life, allowing nothing that is unclean, untrue, or immoral. I will maintain Christian ideals in all my relationships.

I will be a faithful steward of everything I am and have, knowing that I am accountable to God. I will support the work and witness of my corps, and of the worldwide Army, giving from my time and income.

I will live in the freedom Christ gives, and not permit anything to enslave me in body, mind or spirit. I will not drink alcohol, take illegal drugs, gamble, or use pornography.

I will be loyal to the purposes for which God raised up The Salvation Army, to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to win others to him, and in his name to care for the hurting, broken, lonely, dispossessed and lost.

I am convinced that the love of Christ, who died and now lives to save me, requires from me this devotion. Therefore, I promise, by God's help, to be a true soldier of The Salvation Army.

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(PERTENENCIA)

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PACTO DEL SOLDADO

Renovación

Como discípulo de Jesucristo y miembro de su iglesia, renuevo ahora mi pacto como soldado del Ejército de Salvación. Por la gracia de Dios:

Viviré de acuerdo con las verdades de la Biblia expresadas en los once artículos de fe del Ejército de Salvación.

Seré sensible a la obra del Espíritu Santo en mi vida, rechazando cualquier cosa que sea impura, falsa o inmoral. Mantendré ideales cristianos en todas mis relaciones.

Seré fiel administrador de todo lo que soy y poseo, sabiendo que le debo rendir cuentas a Dios. Apoyaré el trabajo y el testimonio de mi cuerpo y del Ejército mundial, aportando mi tiempo y mis ingresos.

Viviré en la libertad que Cristo me da y no permitiré que nada me esclavice en cuerpo, mente o espíritu. No beberé alcohol, consumiré drogas ilegales, apostaré, ni usaré pornografía.

Seré leal a los propósitos para los cuales Dios estableció al Ejército de Salvación al compartir las buenas nuevas de Jesucristo, ganar a otros para Él y, en su nombre, cuidar de los que sufren, los quebrantados, los que están solos, los desposeídos y los perdidos.

Estoy convencido de que el amor a Cristo, que murió y ahora vive para salvar, demanda de mí esta consagración. Por tanto, prometo ser, con la ayuda de Dios, un verdadero soldado del Ejército de Salvación.

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