

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: SUNDAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Together with one heart and one mind, let us pray, **“Teach us and show us the way.”**

Creator, Eternal Word, and Great Spirit, as we approach you in prayer, help us to walk in peace and harmony, assist us to open our hearts and minds, and support us to speak the truth in love. We give thanks for all who fill us with awe and wonder. We celebrate each and all our relatives in the Circle of Life throughout all Creation, for those chosen to be our teachers.

We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with her soaring magnificent heights, rolling plains, and deep waters, her vitality, and abundance of life. Together with one heart and one mind, let us pray:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with grasses and wildflowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence. Together with one heart and one mind, let us pray:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, the plants being berries, the flowing waters. Together with one heart and one mind, let us pray:

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We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir, the spruce, the birches, the cedars, the maples, the oaks. Together with one heart and one mind, let us pray:

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We call upon the creatures of the fields, forests, and mountains, the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the fox and caribou, the otter and beaver, the great whales and seals and shellfish, all those who crawl upon and in the earth. Together with one heart and one mind, let us pray:

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We call upon the waters whose torrents cleanse the air and the face of Mother Earth, whose gentle drops nourish the soil and give life to the plants and trees, who hide the fish, great whales, crustaceans, and a host of wondrous creatures in her depths, who sings to us and

speaks outside our bodies and within the very structure of every cell. Together with one heart and mind, let us pray:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth as our Ancestors and our friends who dreamed the best for future generations. Together with one heart and one mind, let us pray:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon Grandfather Sun who rises each day on the just and the unjust and Grandmother Moon who reminds us about the women who have brought life into this world, our mothers, our grandmothers, our great-grandmothers, our aunties. Together with one heart and one mind, let us pray:

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We call upon the light of the stars in the night skies who remind us of the hosts of relatives who dwell in the Spirit World, gathering around these fires and appearing in our dreams. Together with one heart and one mind, let us pray:

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Creator/Divine Mystery/Great Spirit/Source of All Life and Love, you made the universe and declared her to be good. We give thanks that out of this abundance, you provide all that we need for us each and every day. With each of these gifts, you show us your generosity and lovingkindness. Speak to us and teach us to live out of gratitude for your presence in this universe. But above all, speak to us through your gift of Creator Sets Free Jesus... the Human One, the Eternal Word, the Peacemaker, the Light of the World, the Anointed One, the Cosmic Christ...in whose name we offer these prayers.

Amen.