

Let us quiet ourselves and experience the presence of Creator, Eternal Word, and Great Spirit. As we face towards each of the directions, let us respond to each set of biddings in this litany, praying: **We thank you for your generosity, Creator.**

We turn to the East.

Each morning, the sun rises to begin a new day, reminding us of our own rising to new life...

With the coming of a new day, we are given new beginnings and new opportunities to become the people whom Creator created us to be, loving Creator and loving one another

For your gift of new life:

We thank you for your generosity, Creator.

We turn to the South.

We think about people, particularly those who have warmed our lives and continue to bless us...

Our families and friends, healthcare workers, educators, and the many other essential workers who have ensured that our needs are met before, during this pandemic, and in the days ahead.

We think about the relationships we have with others of differing Peoples and heritages, who offer us opportunities for learning, growth, understanding, and development.

For your gift of others in our lives:

We thank you for your generosity, Creator.

We turn to the West.

The dusk of sunset and the coming of night calls us to give thanks not only for the day that has passed but for the blessings which we have received and the good which we have experienced...

We also consider the opportunities which presented themselves to make amends for what we have said or done which has caused harm or whatever we have left undone in the day.,,

We are reminded that one day our own time on Mother Earth will come to an end, bringing us home to our Creator...

We pray for those who mourn...

We honour those who have died...

We remember particularly the children and youth who did not return home to their families and Indigenous communities and whose bodies lie in unmarked graves.

We remember the murdered and missing women and girls who have disappeared...

We pray that all who have been lost may be found and their spirits may rest in peace.

For the coming of your New Creation:

We thank you for your generosity, Creator.

We turn to the North.

We recall the challenges and difficulties which we have experienced in our lives.

During these times, Creator is present in our time of need and sends us gifts: love, truth, bravery, humility, wisdom, honesty, and respect...

We pray for the indigenous Peoples of the lands and waters of Turtle Island, sharing these lands and waters, walking gently on Mother Earth, and caring for others ...

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We pray for all Settlers and Newcomers from coast to coast to coast, that we may seek to listen, to learn, to understand, and to walk together with our Indigenous brothers and sisters seeking justice and equity...

For the gift of your presence:

We thank you for your generosity, Creator.

We bow down and touch Mother Earth.

Creator created this planet: the plants and animals, the winged creatures who fly in the air, the creatures who crawl upon the earth and burrow into the soil, the creatures who inhabit the waters, the mountains rising to magnificent peaks, the rocks that move in the earth's crust, and molten lava forming a Sacred Fire at the centre...

Out of the soil and waters of this planet, Creator created men and women as Human Beings...

Mother Earth provides all that is needed to sustain life; Creator continues to provides all that is needed to sustain us...

We pray today for our leaders from coast to coast to coast may have the knowledge, wisdom, and skills to govern with love, truth, courage, humility, wisdom, honesty, and respect.

Creator, help us to be grateful for the gifts of Mother Earth and care for her as generations of Indigenous Peoples have cared for her for thousands of years so that our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and their descendants may benefit from these gifts of Mother Earth in the future....

For the gift of life and the abundance of the gifts of Mother Earth:

We thank you for your generosity, Creator.

Finally, we look up above us.

The sky and the heavens above are huge and vast, filling Human Beings with wonder and awe, filling us with hopes and dreams...

Looking up into the sky, we observe clouds which bring moisture so that plants will grow, waterways flow bringing nutrients to larger bodies of water, and waters to cleanse Mother Earth....

The stars and planets in the night skies bring light to the darkness and give us direction when travelling...

As Human Beings, we come to know ourselves as small and finite creatures in an immense universe...

Creator, fill us with dreams to find our way ahead together...

For your gift of hope:

We thank you for your generosity, Creator.

To the Six Directions, we give our thanks for he many ways in which Creator provides for all that we need to live as One together in this universe.

Creator, Eternal Word, and Great Spirit, create within us open hearts made strong to love and clear minds made wise with understanding so that our lives may be lived with courage and compassion in fulfillment of your Original Instructions.

Amen