NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS

Praying the Final Report of the National Inquiry into MMIWG2S

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AS YOU PRAY...

Each section of this guide is focused on the chapters of the Final Report (Vol. 1a).

As you reflect on these prayer prompts, let the reality of the final report sit with you. There are thousands of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people in Canada.

May our prayers join together. May our feet walk the path of justice.

Centring Relationships to End Violence

"In order to understand the causes of violence and to make the changes necessary to ending violence we must recognize the power and responsibility of relationships." (p.94)

Activity:

Take some time to learn about Canada's colonial history and how it reinforces violence against women.

Pray for:

The implementation of the UN declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Ongoing engagement with the TRC (in your life, in

the community, and in your church)

Indigenous Recognitions of Power and Place

"Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people have stories of strength and resilience. They continue to pass on these teachings, by example or by story. They represent an irreplaceable facet of being part of, and of building, communities and Nations."(p181)

Activity:

Take a walk in nature. Notice how Creation (the trees, birds, insects, water) all work together in harmony. What lessons do they teach us about walking in right relationship with each other?

Pray for:

The safety and wellness of Indigenous Women. The inherent value of Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people and their role in society.

Emphasizing Accountability through Human Rights tools

"Indigenous people, and in particular women, battle social misconceptions, stigma, stereotypes, violence in Canada, just for being an Indigenous woman." (p.189)

Activity:

Learn about the systemic barriers facing Indigenous women/girls/ 2SLGBTQQIA people.

Pray for:

Gaps in the justice system for MMIWG2S Clean Water Crisis The right for affordable food and housing in Indigenous communities

Colonization as Gendered Oppression

"After 500 years these [colonial] ideas have not changed much. The First Nations women and girls are thought of as disposable. They are not..." (p. 314)

Activity:

Reflect on the feminine/ mothering characteristics of God throughout scripture and demonstrated throughout your journey.

Pray for: Residential School survivors Those impacted by the sixies scoop Families of MMIWG2S Indigenous children in foster care

TO READ "Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls"

PLEASE VISIT: https://www.mmiwgffada.ca/final-report/