



National Indigenous History Month

**CONGREGATIONAL
PRAYERS**



June is Indigenous History Month, beginning with the Indigenous Day of Prayer on the first Sunday of the month. Join us to pray for creation, to pray for reconciliation and to pray for the flourishing of God's children. Throughout the month and beyond, continue to pray for love, hope and right relations so that we may continue to walk well and gently together.



A Prayer for Creation

BY ERICA AZAK

CREATOR GOD,

We thank you for your great love for us. A love that is so clearly seen in all that you have made.

Help us remember that all that we see, all that is within and around us is of you. All good gifts are from you.

May we share your love with your creation completely as you have loved us. May we see each person as created in your image. May we treat each animal and plant and rock and piece of sky and sea as your awesome gifts to us. May we honour and respect them and care for them as you have taught us to care. Each piece of our world brings glory to you.

In Romans, it says that your qualities, your power and divine nature are made clear in all that you have made. May we remember that each and every day.

Amen



A Prayer for Reconciliation

BY CAPTAIN KAITLYN YOUNG

CREATOR GOD,

Everything that has breath, lives and moves has its being because you spoke life in all its fullness into our world.

You desire for us to live in unity with all of creation;
to form one family from all the nations.

You have rooted and grounded us
in your covenant love,
and empowered us by your Spirit
to speak the truth in love,
and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.

Mercifully grant that your people
learn to walk in step with your Spirit and with one another
gently, so no one is lost along the way.

Strengthen and guide us as
we help one another to grow into right relationships,
so we may be unified as you desire us to be.

We ask as your beloved children,
still walking this path.

Walk with us, Creator.

Amen



Seven Directions Prayer: A Prayer for the Flourishing of the Community of Creation

BY CAPTAIN CRYSTAL PORTER

GOD, OUR CREATOR.

We are thankful for the beauty of creation that surrounds us. The sky, the earth, the trees and the mountains all reflect your presence and your love. In every sunrise, every breeze and every flower we learn more about you. Help us to feel you in the world around us. Remind us that we belong to your amazing community of creation.

IN THE EAST,

we see the beautiful sunrise, a reminder of a new day. We are thankful for the ability to start over, to experience new beginnings. We realize that this is a gift. Remind us to learn from our past and from the experiences of others. Sit with us as we struggle with vulnerability, guide us into a place of authenticity.



FROM THE SOUTH,

we embrace the warm, gentle, soothing winds. They bring comfort and warmth on cold, tiring days. May they remind us to sit in your presence and to savour the moments of laughter, knowing we can experience joy in the midst of pain.

THE WEST IS

the place where the sun sets and we experience breathtaking beauty and awe-inspiring colours that span the horizon. It is from this space that we are reminded of the joy and flourishing of creation. Even in the moments of endings there is room for beauty. Help us to fade into you as we seek to find rest.

FROM THE NORTH,

we are reminded of harsh winds and blinding snowstorms. In the painful, in the hurting and in the unexpected, we are reminded that you guide us in strength and courage when difficulties arise. You prepare for us a safe space in the midst of trouble. In the sparse and trying times, you do not leave us alone.



WE GAZE ABOVE US:

the clouds, the sun, the moon and the stars teach us that there is a vast universe and yet there is no place unknown to you. You are not a distant and unapproachable God—you are with us, you know us and you care for our well-being. When the clouds become darkened, when the stars are hidden: help us to settle into your presence.

LET YOUR FEET SETTLE

into creation. As we look down to the land beneath us, we realize the gift of creation. Creation cares for us. Creation provides for us. Creator, help us to walk in gentleness and gratitude for the gifts creation provides. Teach us to be faithful trustees of creation, taking only what we need and ensuring that there is plenty for all who gather in this place.

WITHIN OUR HEARTS

is a place of honesty, a place that carries our deepest desires. It is in this place that we hold the important things: our beliefs, our loves, our memories. This is the place which guides our steps and fuels our passions. It holds our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows. Help us to be honest in this place. Help us to recognize moments of regret and shame while allowing space for growth and healing.



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