

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, Creator of the universe,
For the people gathered around us today.
We give thanks for the things of the earth that give us the means of life.
Thank you for the sky which covers us all.
Thank you for the earth we walk upon
Thank you for the plants, animals and birds,
That we use as food and medicine.
Thank you for the natural world,
In which we find the means to be clothed and housed.
Thank you, Lord, for the ability to use these gifts of the natural world.

Help us to see our place among these gifts,
Not to squander them or think them as means for selfish gain.
May we respect the life you have made.
May our spirits be strengthened by using only what we need, and may we use our strength to help those who need us.
AMEN.

Sue Ellen Herne, Mohawk, 20th Century

A Sweetgrass Prayer

Creator, maker of all that is good.
I wash my eyes to see the beauty in all of creation.
I wash my mouth so that I may choose my words carefully.
I wash my hands to create and be gentle.
I wash my legs so they will be strong to carry me through life.
I wash my heart to be kind, loving and forgiving.

All my Relations
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