



# National Native American Heritage Month

God of all creation, from the direction where the sun sets, from the direction of cleansing power, from the direction of the rising sun, and from the direction of the middle of the day, we come to You this day to ask for Your blessing.

Bless and protect Native peoples over all the earth. Give them integrity so that their words and actions are one. Give them listening hearts so that they are able to hear and learn from each other. Give them wisdom and understanding to learn their past, live faithfully in the present, and co-create a future with You, O God, so that all people live free from fear and violence.

God of our ancestors, we are thankful for Your many blessings. We pray for all people, especially for the children, the sick, the dying. We pray for those in military service, that no harm will come to them. We pray for our enemies, that one day Your peace and healing will unite us all.

Throughout our lives, may we walk hand in hand with You, our loving God, honoring Your land, caring for Your creation, and respecting all Your people. We pray and ask for Your blessing, through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.



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