



## An Earth Day Prayer

Come, let us dwell in God's shelter.  
Let us dwell in God's work of art.  
Come, because the Earth is the Lord's,  
And God's Earth is our home.

We live in God's world; we are not alone.

We share this life with the heavens and the earth,  
With the waters and the land,  
With trees and grasses,  
With fish, birds, and animals,  
With minerals and creatures of every form,  
And with all our brothers and sisters.

God is good and everything God makes is good.

God is love and everything God makes is love's fruit.

### Traditional Native American Prayers of Intercession

1. Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice we hear in the wind, whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us. We need your strength and wisdom.
2. Let us walk in beauty, and make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make our hands respect the things you have made and make our ears sharp to hear your voice.
3. Make us wise so that we might understand the things you have taught our people. Help us to remain calm and strong in the face of all that comes toward us.
4. Let us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Help us seek wholesome thoughts and act with the intention of helping others.
5. Help us find compassion without empathy overwhelming us. We seek strength not to be greater than our brother or sister, but to contend with our greatest enemy – ourselves.
6. Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so when life fades, like the fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame.

Amen