

National Indigenous Peoples Day 2021
Prayer for Tolerance, Forgiveness and Reconciliation

O God, Creator and Father of all,
with humility we, your children, acknowledge the relationship of all living things.
For this we thank you, we praise you and we worship you.
We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh
our teacher, prophet and brother
to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters,
and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage and respectfulness
shown in The Sacred Teachings.

Give us the vision and honesty to recognize that we are all brothers and sisters
of one human family, created and sustained by the One Creator.
As we deal with many challenges, may we never give way to fear and anger,
which can be the source of division and threat amongst peoples.

We look to how God always gives us,
a remedy for sins of prejudice and intolerance.
We see in God the Creator of all things, the One who always provides and is generous
even given the abuses we have heaped on one another and on the earth.
We see in the Son, Jesus Christ
the innocent Victim who pours His life blood out from the Cross for all peoples.
We see how the Holy Spirit is God's gift, alive in our world today -
inspiring vision and hope that we can have the same mind and heart of God!

May Your Spirit bless all souls who died at residential schools.

May this same Spirit also bring blessing and healing
to all families and communities affected in any way by the schools.

O Creator, show us the way to healing, forgiveness and reconciliation
and a renewed fellowship.

Amen