



## A LITANY FOR INDIGENOUS JUSTICE

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LEADER: Our faith ancestors (Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Matthew & Mark) spoke of "the four winds of heaven" which Creator God would send as Spirit helpers to do the bidding of the Creator. The indigenous peoples of this continent, would acknowledge the Spirit Helpers as they prayed. So, I invite all of us to be in an attitude of prayer as we acknowledge ancient indigenous wisdom.

LEADER: I honor you Eagle spirit helper sent from the East.

*PEOPLE: May you bring all of us the sharp insight to see what the Creator wants us to see.*

LEADER: I honor you Coyote spirit helper, the trickster, sent from the South.

*PEOPLE: May you bring all of us the courage to stand in the midst of the chaos to upset the injustice to which the Creator sends us.*

LEADER: I honor you Bear spirit helper sent from the West.

*PEOPLE: May you bring all of us the strength to persist in the mission to which the Creator commissioned us.*

LEADER: I honor you White Bison spirit helper sent from the North.

*PEOPLE: May you bring all of us meaningful ceremonies that communicate truths the Creator wants us to see.*

LEADER: I honor you, Creator who is above us all.

*PEOPLE: May each of us choose to align our individual will with your will for us.*

LEADER: I honor you Mother Earth who gives our bodies all we need for life.

*PEOPLE: May all of us appreciate your 4-legged children, your winged children, your 2-leggeds, those that swim in the waters, those that crawl on their bellies, the plant people, the stone people ... all of Creation. May we be aware & rise up to defend you when you are threatened.*

LEADER: I honor you Sacred Spirit within each of us.

*PEOPLE: May you guide the thinking of each of us as we consider how to live our lives in service to the people as we follow the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.*

*ALL: Amen. Let the four winds of heaven blow!*