



WORSHIP & PRAYER

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY



These worship resources are part of the Native American Ministries Sunday pastor and leader kit. They may be adapted for your context and integrated into your worship service with the other material in the kit.
These resources are inspired by Luke 24:36b–48.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The United Methodist Book of Worship
#558 by Sue Ellen Herne, Mohawk

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 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 of them as means for selfish gain.

May we respect the life of all 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.

PRAYER

The United Methodist Book of Worship
#487, Traditional Native American Prayer

O Great Spirit (Gitchi Manitou, Most Awesome of the Awesome), whose voice we hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us.

We come before you as your children.

We are small and weak; we need your strength and wisdom.

Let us walk in beauty and make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

May our hands respect the things you have made, our ears be sharp to hear your voice.

Make us wise, so that we may know the things you have taught your people, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

We seek strength not to be superior to our brothers and sisters, but to live in harmony with ourselves and all of your creation.

Help us to be ever ready to come to you, so when life fades as a fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame.

Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING

The United Methodist Book of Worship
#562, Traditional Navaho Prayer

Before us it is blessed, behind us it is blessed,
below us it is blessed, above us it is blessed,
around us it is blessed as we set out with Christ.

Our speech is blessed as we set out for God.

With beauty before us, with beauty behind us,

with beauty below us, with beauty above us,

with beauty around us, we set out for a holy place indeed.

Amen.