



Indigenous Community Prayer

Heavenly Father, Creator and Sustainer of all life, all cultures, and all relationships.

Today we lift up to you Indigenous peoples in Canada. We pray for Indigenous communities and families. We pray that you would strengthen, protect, provide for, and encourage First Nations, Metis, and Inuit communities and Indigenous peoples living in urban centres, rural locations and on reserves. We pray for healing for individuals, families, and communities that are still experiencing and struggling with the impacts of the Indian Residential School System and the broader impacts of colonialism.

Lord, on behalf of the Christian church, we ask for forgiveness for the physical, emotional, sexual, and spiritual harm that was inflicted on Indigenous children, families, and communities in Your name.

Father, we pray for equity in education, housing, access to water, and opportunities for Indigenous people in this land. We lift up each of the unique and individual Indigenous cultures, traditions, and languages – may You protect them and strengthen them.

May You give wisdom and insight to Indigenous leaders and community members who work tirelessly to pass these cultural practices, traditions, and languages to their fellow community members and also to the younger generations who will lead their communities in the future.

Father, may You open our eyes to see the bounty and gifts Indigenous people have to offer.

We pray that we as a church will encourage all people to learn the truth of our collective Canadian history and work towards reconciliation, understanding, and respect of Indigenous cultures, traditions, and worldviews.

In His name, we pray.