

Global Healing Day



Global Healing Day Call-and-Response Ceremony

Facilitator

We gather today as the human family.
Not as nations divided by borders,
but as one species walking upon one living Earth.

All

We remember.
We return.
We walk in kinship.

Facilitator

Before our cities and machines,
before our roads and towers,
there were forests older than memory,
rivers that knew the language of mountains,
and oceans that carried the songs of whales.

All

We remember.
We return.
We walk in kinship.

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The Earth fed us.
The Earth sheltered us.
The Earth breathed life into our bodies.
Yet somewhere in our long wandering
we forgot the ancient agreements.

All

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We remember.
We return.
We walk in kinship.

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We forgot
that the rivers are our relatives,
that the forests are our teachers,
that the animals are our fellow nations
walking beside us in the great web of life.

All

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We return.
We walk in kinship.

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In our forgetting
the forests fell,
the waters were wounded,
and many voices of the Earth fell silent.
So today we speak with humility.

All

We remember.
We return.
We walk in kinship.

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To the forests who sheltered life for millennia

All

We are sorry.

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To the rivers who carried water and memory across the land

All

We are sorry.

Facilitator

To the animals, birds, fish, insects, and unseen nations of life

All

We are sorry.

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To the soil that feeds us
and will one day hold our bones

All

We are sorry.

Facilitator

But today we remember something older than our mistakes.
We remember that the Earth does not belong to us.

All

We belong to the Earth.

Facilitator

Her waters flow through our blood.

All

We belong to the Earth.

Facilitator

Her air fills our lungs.

All

We belong to the Earth.

Facilitator

Her fire warms our bodies.

All

We belong to the Earth.

Facilitator

And so today we make a promise.
To walk more gently upon the land.

All

We remember.

We return.

We walk in kinship.

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To protect the forests and waters
as we would protect our children.

All

We remember.

We return.

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To honour every species
as part of the great family of life.

All

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We return.
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We do not ask the Earth to forget our mistakes.
But we ask for the chance
to remember who we truly are.
A young species.
Still learning.
Still awakening.

All

We remember.
We return.
We walk in kinship.

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Today we return to the circle of life.
Today we speak as the human people.

All

We remember.
We return.
We walk in kinship.