

Prayer for Participants of the Climate Change Conference

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Inspired by Thomas Berry, the following prayer was written by the Odyssey Fellows 2015 from Pickards Mountain Eco-Institute in Chapel Hill, N.C., and is an expression of young people of the last generation of Seven Generations (from the Great Law of the Iroquois Nation)

Our prayers for each of you are that as you go into this conference you hold the vision of birthing a new season of life for earth in this perilous time... a future of unpolluted waters and breathable air and all species living harmoniously as one sacred earth community for all generations...

We pray that the differences among you be honored with respect and dignity rather than judgment and that you come to the level of communion with one another out of a common love of the earth that unifies us all...

We pray that your deepest concerns and intentions be not for individual interests but for the whole of creation which can bring us together as never before in all of human history...for we ask you to acknowledge the sacredness and interconnectedness of all life to know that we are only ourselves as we honor our reflection in relationship with all beings in existence...

We pray that your work together may heal deep wounds of violence and assault upon the earth and one another and that in your meetings, the Spirit of Love will be called upon to assist all your efforts...

We pray that both the wisdom of science and the wisdom of the heart be called upon throughout your days together through rituals, prayers, and deepened mutual presence to one another...

We pray that this historic conference in which each of you has been called to participate, can lead us to our true sense of belonging to this earth and guide us to take our own unique places in the great healing work of our time...

and

“May you know that you will be guided by the same Divine power that spun the galaxies into space, lit the sun and brought the moon into orbit.”

Thomas Berry

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