

# Sunday Final Gathering Prayers

adapted from  
Ojibwe Evening Prayer  
and  
Lakota Prayer by Chief Yellow Lark

## **The Gathering Prayer**

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the Center of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. **AMEN.**



## **Canticle of the North Shore**

*composed by The Rev Howard Anderson*

O give thanks to our Creator who is good\*

**whose love endures forever.**

You sun, moon, stars, and the northern lights\*

**give to our Creator thanks and praise**

Sunrise and sunset, night and day\*

**give to our Creator thanks and praise**

Hills, valleys, wetlands and lakes, fog, rain, mist and snow\*

**give to our Creator thanks and praise**

Birch, pine, spruce and maple, moss and ferns\*

**give to our Creator thanks and praise**

Lake trout and walleye, bass and northern, loons and herons, ducks and geese\*

**give to our Creator thanks and praise**

Deer, moose, cats and dogs, eagles and sparrow, grouse and hawk\*

**give to our Creator thanks and praise**

Young and old,

women and men,

saints and faithful of the Great North Woods\*

**give to our Creator thanks and praise AMEN**

**A Lakota Prayer**  
*By Chief Yellow Lark*

O Great Spirit  
Whose voice I hear in the winds  
and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me.  
I am small and weak.

**I need your strength and wisdom.**

Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes  
ever behold the red and purple sunset.  
Make my hands respect the things you have made

**and my ears sharp to hear your voice.**

Make me wise so that I may understand  
the things you have taught my people.  
Let me learn the lessons you have hidden  
**in every leaf and rock.**

**I seek strength, not to be superior to my brother,  
but to fight my greatest enemy - myself.  
Make me always ready to come to you  
with clean hands and straight eyes,  
so when life fades,  
as the fading sunset,  
my spirit will come to you  
without shame.**



**DEPARTING PRAYER**

**Great Spirit God, We give you thanks for another day on this earth. We give you thanks for this day to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator. We acknowledge with one mind our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycle of life. Bind us together in the circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and one another. AMEN.**

