

Native American Ten Commandments

1. The Earth is our Mother, care for her.
2. Honor all your relations.
3. Open your heart and soul to the Great Spirit.
4. All life is sacred, treat all beings with respect.
5. Take from the Earth what is needed and nothing more.
6. Do what needs to be done for the good of the all.
7. Give constant thanks to the Great Spirit for each new day.
8. Speak the truth: but only of the good in others.
9. Follow the rhythms of nature: rise and retire with the sun.
10. Enjoy lifes journey but leave no tracks.

Native American Ten Commandments version 2

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2. Remain close to the Great Spirit
3. Show great respect for your fellow beings
4. Work together for the benefit of all humankind
5. Give assistance and kindness wherever needed

6. Do what you know to be right
7. Look after the well-being of mind and body
8. Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good
9. Be truthful and honest at all times
10. Take full responsibility for your actions

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Jasper Saunkeah, Cherokee

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Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good.
Be truthful and honest at all times.
Take full responsibility for your actions.
Let us greet the dawn of a new day
when all can live as one with nature
and peace reigns everywhere.

Oh Great Spirit, bring to our brothers
the wisdom of Nature and the knowledge
that if her laws are obeyed
this land will again flourish
and grasses and trees will grow as before.

Guide those that through their councils
seek to spread the wisdom of their leaders to all
people.

Heal the raw wounds of the earth
and restore to our soul the richness
which strengthens men's bodies
and makes them wise in their councils.

Bring to all the knowledge that great cities
live only through the bounty
of the good earth beyond their paved streets
and towers of stone and steel.

Native American Prayer

Oh, 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 greater than 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 may come to you without shame.

(translated by Lakota Sioux Chief Yellow Lark in 1887)

Wise Words Of Tecumseh

Live your life that the fear of death
can never enter your heart.

Trouble no one about his religion.

Respect others in their views
and demand that they respect yours.

Love your life, perfect your life,
beautify all things in your life.

Seek to make your life long
and of service to your people.

Prepare a noble death song for the day
when you go over the great divide.

Always give a word or sign of salute when meeting
or passing a friend, or even a stranger, if in a lonely
place.

Show respect to all people, but grovel to none.

When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light,
for your life, for your strength.

Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living.

If you see no reason to give thanks,
the fault lies in yourself.

Touch not the poisonous firewater that makes
wise ones turn to fools and robs their spirit of its
vision.

When your time comes to die, be not like those
whose hearts are filled with fear of death,
so that when their time comes they weep and pray
for a little more time to live their lives over again in
a different way.

Sing your death song, and die like a hero going home.

Tecumseh - Shawnee

Hopi Prayer for Peace

"Great Spirit and all unseen, this day we pray and ask
You for guidance,
humbly we ask You to help us and fellow men to have
recourse to peaceful
ways of life, because of uncontrolled deceitfulness by
human-kind. Help
us all to love, not hate one another.

We ask you to be seen in an image of Love and Peace. Let
us be seen in
beauty, the colors of the rainbow. We respect our
Mother, the planet,
with our loving care, for from Her breast we receive our
nourishment.

Let us not listen to the voices of the two-hearted, the
destroyers of mind,
the haters and self-made leaders, whose lusts for power
and wealth will
lead us into confusion and darkness.

Seek visions always of world beauty, not violence nor
battlefields.

It is our duty to pray always for harmony between man
and earth, so that
the earth will bloom once more. Let us show our emblem
of love and goodwill
for all life and land.

Pray for the House of Glass, for within it are minds
clear and pure as ice
and mountain streams. Pray for the great leaders of
nations in the House of
Mica who in their own quiet ways help the earth in
balance.

We pray the Great Spirit that one day our Mother Earth
will be purified
into a healthy peaceful one. Let us sing for strength of
wisdom with all
nations for the good of all people. Our hope is not yet
lost, purification
must be to restore the health of our Mother Earth for
lasting peace and
happiness.

Techqua Ikachi - for Land and Life!"

Great Spirit Prayer

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breath gives life
to all the world.

Hear me; 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.

Help me to remain calm and strong in the face of all that comes towards me.

Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Help me seek pure thoughts and act with the intention of helping others.

Help me find compassion without empathy overwhelming me.

I seek strength, not to be greater than 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 may come to you without shame.

Black Elk: Holy Man of the Oglala Sioux

"Grandfather, Great Spirit, once more behold me on earth and lean to hear my feeble voice. You lived first, and you are older than all need, older than all prayer. All things belong to you -- the two-legged, the four-legged, the

wings of the air, and all green things that live.

"You have set the powers of the four quarters of the earth to cross each other. You have made me cross the good road and road of difficulties, and where they cross, the place is holy. Day in, day out, forevermore, you are the life of things."

Big Thunder (Bedagi), late 19th century Algonquin