



# Honouring the Four Directions

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We face East:

To your symbol colour Red, the hue of revelation;  
To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing;  
To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in Harmony  
with brothers and sisters;  
To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages,  
We pray: ***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***

We turn to face South:

To your symbol colour Gold for the morning star.  
To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and  
brings light on our path to live responsibly;  
To your lessons calling us to balance of Mind in the Spirit of  
humility;  
To invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision;  
Help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our  
whole mind, and our whole soul,  
We pray: ***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***

This resource was prepared for a Day of Prayer for Indigenous Justice, Jan. 11, 2013,  
when Indigenous and nonp Indigenous leaders gathered in Ottawa to discuss  
important legislation affecting Indigenous Peoples.

We turn to face West:

To your symbol colour Black, still and quiet.  
To your animal symbol the Thunderbird;  
To your symbol the Thunder mighty and purposeful;  
To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of  
Gentleness and Honesty;  
To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within;  
Give us your strength and the courage to endure,  
We pray: ***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***

We turn to face North:

To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness.  
To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with  
Mother Earth and growing things;  
To your lessons calling us to balance of our Body in the spirit of a  
good sense of humor;  
To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love;  
Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing,  
We pray: ***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***

We turn to complete the circle and to look:

To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow,  
wind and rain;  
To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of  
mercy and Lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who inspires  
us to action:

***COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.***

***(Note: There are several interpretations of the colours of the  
medicine wheel. A Cree adaptation is used here. We apologize if this  
conflicts with what is used in your Nation. Please adapt to your local  
area.)***