

Goetz Daily Prayer for: Tuesday June 21, 2022

Good morning, Gators.

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs; and so, on this day, we recognize and affirm their contribution and commitment to seeking authentic truth and reconciliation, solidarity, and progress, towards a new and more meaningful relationship with all Canadians.

Let us pray,

O God, Creator and Father of all, we call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh; our teacher, prophet, and brother, to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters, and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage, and respectfulness shown in The Sacred Teachings. Give us the vision and honesty to recognize that we are all brothers and sisters of one human family, created and sustained by the One Creator.

As we deal with many challenges, may we never give way to fear and anger, which can be the source of division and threat amongst peoples. We look to how God always gives to us, as a remedy for sins of prejudice and intolerance. We see in God the Creator of all things, One who always provides and is generous, even given the abuses we have allowed and contributed to with one another and on the earth.

May this prayer we make this day, be one of grace and healing, and make possible a renewed journey and future. O Creator, show us the way to healing, forgiveness and reconciliation, and a renewed fellowship.

We ask all of this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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St. Andre Bessette, pray for us.