

A Litany for Survival

For the times we have cast our nets in familiar waters, yet found no sustenance,

We remember the call to cast our nets on the other side, trusting in abundance.

For the times we have consumed without thought, taking more than we need,

We seek forgiveness and commit to living in harmony with the Earth and all its creatures.

For the times we have forgotten the wisdom of our ancestors who taught us to honor the land,

We ask for the strength to learn from Indigenous ways of knowing so that we might walk gently on this earth.

For the times when we have neglected the call to “feed my sheep,” focusing only on our own needs,

We commit to nurturing all beings, recognizing our interconnectedness with the entire web of life.

For the moments when we have seen the Earth as a resource to exploit rather than a gift to cherish,

We pledge to protect and restore the lands, waters, and skies.

For the times when our actions have harmed the Earth, the waters, and all living beings,

We repent and turn toward sustainable and just practices that honor the sacredness of creation.

For the times when we have silenced the voices of Indigenous communities,

We vow to listen, learn, and stand in solidarity with those who protect Earth and its sacred ways.

In the face of systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice,

We commit to building new systems of care, reciprocity, and justice, guided by the wisdom of those who have come before us.

As we envision a future where all of creation is united in praise,

We dedicate ourselves to the work of food justice, ensuring that all beings have access to the nourishment they need to thrive.

For the times when we feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of the task before us,

We draw strength from Earth and trust its beings to help us.

Together, let us move forward with courage,
Committed to the flourishing of all life.

In the name of justice, abundance, and peace,
Amen.

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