**November 3, 2016 Solidarity Prayer for Standing Rock**

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We pray for our family at Standing Rock.
We pray for Our Sister Water who is our life.
We pray for the healing and safety of the Water Protectors.
We pray for all those gathered at the Standing Rock camp.
We pray for those who are suffering from the trauma
Unleashed by the violence that occurred on 27 October.
We pray for traditional communities that have borne
The brunt of generations of violence, even at times,
Turning that violence on themselves and each other.
We pray for healing for the police;
For the healing for the pipeline workers;
For the bankers who fund the pipeline.
We pray for the people who are so disconnected
from their mother that they continue to injure her.
We pray for those who are on the Forgiveness Walk
on Sunday to the police station in Mandan, SD.
We pray for healing for the hatred that was
Generated on 27 October.
We acknowledge the sins of our ancestors,
the horrific acts perpetrated on our brothers and sisters
as a result of the doctrine of discovery
we ask for forgiveness and healing from our sisters and brothers
we pray for unity and oneness for all creation
Without this healing we can’t think clearly, we can’t act rightly,
and we can’t serve our Mother in the fullest manner.

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