



Called to Action, Season 4: Racial Justice  
*Episode 5: Preserving the History of Indigenous People - Prayer*  
Special Guest: Connie Schmidt, SSND

**A Prayer from the Oglala Lakota Sioux Nation  
Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota  
- Recited by Connie Schmidt, SSND**

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.

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