

Earth Day 2015 with Treibh na Tíntean

Meditation Prayer:[David]

O Great Spirit whose voice we hear in the wind, and whose breath gives life to all the world, HEAR US! We are small and weak. We need your strength and wisdom. Let us walk in beauty, and make our eyes behold the ever red and purple sunset. Let our hands respect the things that you have made and our ears sharp to hear your voice. Make us wise so that we may understand the things you have taught our people. Let us learn the lessons that you have hidden in every leaf and rock. We seek strength, not to be greater than our brother or sister, but to fight our greatest enemy- ourselves. Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes. So when light fades, as the fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame.ⁱ

CASTING -

[All]: She changes everything She touches, and everything she touches, changes.

CALLING-

EAST:[David] Into this sacred grove, I call the wind. I call the Cedar and Sycamoreⁱⁱ, I call the Clan of the Butterfly.ⁱⁱⁱ I call the Bird song, the drifting leaves, I call the stillness of a spring evening. Air my song, I call you. So mote it be.

SOUTH:[Scott] Into this sacred grove, I call the sun. I call the Oak and Aspen, I call the Clan of the Thunderbird, I call the leaping bonfire. I call the warmth of the summer afternoon. I call the flash of distant lightning. Fire, my passion, I call you. So mote it be.

WEST:[Denise] Into this sacred grove, I call the sea. I call the Hawthorne and Hazel I call the Clan of the Frog. I call the river. I call the scent of wild roses. I call the dew, the mist, the downpour. I call the rain's renewal. Water, my peace, I call you. So mote it be.

NORTH:[Richard] Into this sacred grove, I call the forest. I call the Maple and Elm I call the Clan of the Turtle I call the stones and Mother's bones. Earth, my strength, I call you

SPIRIT:[Jenna] Into this sacred grove, I call the Great Spirit. Thank you Creator for this life and this earth

INVOCATION –[All]

Grandfather, look at our brokenness. We know that in all creation only the human family has strayed from the Sacred Way. We know that we are the ones who are divided and we are the ones who must come back together to walk in the Sacred Way. Grandfather, sacred One, teach us love, compassion, and honor that we may heal the earth and heal each other^{iv}.

Raising Energy- [Richard]

Today we gather as a wide-spread community to weave a web of healing for the earth, our sacred mother. For all the blessings She gives to us, we give thanks and send our loving blessings into the universe to sustain and heal the body of our Great Mother. We will be chanting our love, thanks and blessings If you did not bring a drum, we encourage you to drum on your own body, or on the earth itself. As you drum and chant, envision the strands of our energy connecting with those from other locations, forming a great glowing web of blessing and healing for Gaia, Great Mother, Mother Earth.^v

Chant: –[All]

Mother I Feel You lyrics

Mother I feel you under my feet,

Mother I hear your heart beat

Hey ya hey ya, hey ya, hey ya, hey ya hey ho!

Hey ya hey ya, hey ya, hey ya, hey ya hey hooooo...

COMMUNION- Trail Mix & Jerky. Juice & wine

THANKING –

[All] Great Spirit, Earth Mother-We will remember that we are all aspects of the Divine—children of the gods, and sacred messengers. Thank you for sharing Your blessings with us.

NORTH:[Richard] Earth—strength and abundance. Maple and Elm- Clan of the Turtle. Sticks and stones- the Mother's bones.—we thank you. Blessed be.

WEST:[Denise] Water—healing and peace. Hawthorne and Hazel- Clan of the Frog. The river and the downpour—we thank you. Blessed be.

SOUTH:[Scott] Fire—power and passion. Oak and Aspen- Clan of the Thunderbird. The bonfire and the flash of distant lightning—we thank you. Blessed be.

EAST: [David] Air—song and wind. Cedar and Sycamore- Clan of the Butterfly.^{vi} the turning starlit sky and the drifting leaves,—we thank you. Blessed be.

Spirit:[Jenna] Great Mother, All-Father. Great Spirit. Thank you Creator for this life and this earth. So mote it be!

[All] The circle is open but unbroken. May the peace of the Goddess be always in our hearts. Merry meet, merry part and merry meet again!

Drumming, community and merriment !

ⁱ Chief Yellow Lark, Lakota 1887. Adaptation.

ⁱⁱ **Animal-Speak: The Spiritual & Magical Powers of Creatures Great & Small Paperback** – September, 2002 by Ted Andrews

ⁱⁱⁱ **Dancing with the Wheel: The Medicine Wheel Workbook Paperback** – November 1, 1991 by Sun Bear (Author), Wabun Wind (Author), Crysalis Mulligan

^{iv} "**Ojibway Prayer**" was composed by Dr. Art Solomon, an Ojibway Elder from near Sudbury, Ontario

^v <http://www.emppa.org/earthday.html>

^{vi} **Dancing with the Wheel: The Medicine Wheel Workbook Paperback** – November 1, 1991 by Sun Bear , Wabun Wind and Crysalis Mulligan