



**CONTINENTAL SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF INDIAN WARS**

RITUAL

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installing Member: You have been duly elected officers of this Society; you have been chosen to represent the members and to lead them. If you accept the office for which you have been elected, raise your right hand and answer these questions that I ask of you with the words, I do.

Do you, after hearing the responsibilities of your office, now accept these duties?

Response: I do

Installing Member: Do you promise to faithfully attend meetings, performing your duties to the best of your ability, and at all times conduct yourself uprightly and with dignity, as you represent your Society and the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars?

Response: I do

Installing Member: Will the members please stand and remain standing throughout the installation? Raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I solemnly promise
To do my part
To uphold these officers
To help them
In their term of office

*INSTALLING MEMBER PROCEEDS TO OFFICERS-ELECT
WITH THE PRAYER STICKS IN TURN.*

GOVERNOR

Installing Member: You, as Governor, are responsible for leadership of the Society. Remember to always lead with dignity, kindness, fairness and strength. Your office demands respect and you as Governor, represent the epitome of the organization.

You preside at all meetings; appoint all committees, except the nominating committee. It is your responsibility to see that all officers perform their duties as stated in the Bylaws.

I present this prayer stick of **red** to you signifying the leadership and the power your office denotes.

My prayer for you is that you find great joy in leading this Society and the rewards it brings.

FIRST DEPUTY GOVERNOR

Installing Member: You, as First Deputy Governor, are responsible for assisting the Governor and in her absence, you shall assume her duties. You shall also work with the Second Deputy Governor on programming and/or the yearbook.

It is vital that the Governor feels secure that she has your assistance.

I present to you this prayer stick of pink, signifying that you are less than Governor (red) but you stand ready to add color.

My prayer for you is that in assisting the Governor, you shall make her feel you have her best interests at heart.

SECOND DEPUTY GOVERNOR

Installing Member: You, as Second Deputy Governor, are responsible for whatever duty the Governor may require. In the absence of the First Deputy Governor, you assume her duties.

The Governor may ask that you assist with the program and/or the yearbook. Whatever she asks of you, it is your responsibility to assist her.

I present to you this prayer stick of orange, signifying the fire of enthusiasm that you need as Second Deputy Governor to assist in the duties that may be asked of you.

My prayer for you is that this fire never goes out, keep it alive and glowing.

CHAPLAIN

Installing Member: You, as Chaplain, are the moral fiber of the Society. Opening all meetings with prayer for guidance, asking the blessing for the food and closing all meetings with a benediction.

You remember all members, in death, with a memorial service. You shall notify the Chaplain General of deaths of your members immediately, so she may personally send condolences to the families. You shall install the newly elected officers unless you are being installed.

I present to you this prayer stick of white, signifying the faith and inspiration you shall instill in your Society.

My prayer for you is that your prayers set the tone for meetings with peace and understanding.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Installing Member: You, as Recording Secretary, shall record and be the custodian of the minutes from all meetings of your Society.

Recording not what was said, but what action was taken. This will be the official record for the Society and must be correct in all detail. In the case of controversy, the written word is the accepted authority. Yours being the written history of the Society and as such, must be accurate. You should furnish the Governor with a copy of the minutes and see that all minutes are kept in a secure location. You should prepare a roll call and record the attendance.

I present to you this prayer stick of **black**, signifying the black of ink and its permanence.

My prayer for you is that your pen be always ready and accurate.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Installing Member: You, as Corresponding Secretary, have the obligation of all correspondence of the Society, you notify all members as directed by the governor by phone or letter. You have the responsibility of maintaining the Membership database.

Yours is the responsibility, for the members' awareness of the activities; the responsibility to create interest as you contact each of them; the responsibility of sending condolences, get-well or other notices as requested by the Governor.

I present to you this prayer stick of **purple**, signifying thoughtfulness as you think of others.

My prayer for you is that your thoughtfulness will bind your membership with fellowship.

ORGANIZING SECRETARY (General Society level only)

Installing Member: You, as Organizing Secretary, are responsible for presenting to the Executive Board for approval all requests and local recommendations for the appointment of Organizing State or Provincial Governors. You shall keep a complete record of organizations including names, dates and names of organizing members as well as disbandment's. You shall report immediately all disbandment's to the Treasurer General.

I present to you this prayer stick of **light blue**, signifying Optimism

My prayer for you is that you are always optimistic about forming new chapters to help our society grow.

TREASURER

Installing Member: You, as Treasurer, shall receive and dispense all funds of the Society. Funds are deposited in the name of the Society and all expenditures are to be accounted for with vouchers. You shall prepare a written account for each meeting and your books are to be audited at the end of your term. You shall inform the Treasurer General of changes in your Society, as well as collect and send in dues by the requested date. All dues are to be accompanied with an alphabetized list of members when sent to the Treasurer General. You shall also send any donations to the Treasurer General.

I present to you this prayer stick of green, signifying the currency you are responsible for.

My prayer for you is that your Society prospers, and many donations are sent in.

REGISTRAR

Installing Member: You, as Registrar, are responsible for keeping a record of all current members, name changes, addresses, deaths, and new members as well as keeping a current card file on members. When asked, you shall assist with prospective members' papers. You shall notify the Governor of new members. You are responsible for the safe keeping of the state copy of members' papers and treating them with utmost care. Members' papers are privileged information and are to be kept in strictest privacy, no information is ever revealed without the consent of the member. These papers should be kept in a secure location and guarded with great care.

I present to you this prayer stick of blue, signifying patience, a trait needed by registrars.

My prayer for you is that your Society grows because of your patience.

HISTORIAN

Installing Member: You, as Historian, shall keep a printed record of the activities of your Society, from newspapers, programs and other written records. Copies of your publicity will interest the Historian General. Visit or call your news media and ask how you may better serve their interests in your activities, which will allow more people to hear of you and to become more interested in your Society.

I present to you this prayer stick of yellow, signifying the yellowing of the past in the preservation of records.

My prayer for you is that you gather many "yellowed" items of history and preserve them for your Society.

LIBRARIAN

Installing Member: You, as Librarian, shall be the custodian of all books and papers, which may be deposited with you, belonging to the Society. Your responsibility also includes compiling a list of books that have been presented by your Society and report this to the Librarian General and to your State Governor. You shall compile a list of desirable books that your Society of your members might wish to donate, either to your local libraries or add to the holdings of the Continental Society.

I present to you this prayer stick of **brown** signifying the brown of the old leather covered books.

My prayer is that your hands will brown with the many, many books that you gather.

*Installing Member bestows the sash and gavel
Upon the Governor*

Installing Member: This sash, which is placed over your shoulder, is the badge of your office. Wear it with dignity.

This gavel is the symbol of your authority. Always use it wisely, and impartially, gently but firmly. Upon you has been conferred the highest honor and greatest responsibility our Society can bestow, that of Governor. Let that responsibility never become a burden, but let it make your time of service the most enjoyable experience in your life. My I offer my sincere congratulations and offer my continued support.

*The members shall be seated and the sash and gavel
are presented to the Governor*

Installing Member: My prayer to all of you is that you remember to *Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the time you can, To all the people you can, as long as ever you can.*

The newly installed Chaplain will now offer the benediction.

Chaplain: Will all members repeat after me?

I pledge allegiance
To the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars
And to the principles
As set down in the Bylaws
That govern the Society

I salute the banner of the
Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars
And pledge to support the Object.

Installing Member: I now declare these officers installed for the coming term of Office in the (State) Society.

Installing Member: (to new officers) You may now be seated.

BENEDICTION

Chaplain: Heavenly Father, we close this day with thoughts of you and your many blessings. You have watched over us this day with your love and understanding, and as we go our separate ways, continue to watch over us until we meet again. Thank you for your constant care. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

INSTALLATION OF GENERAL OFFICERS

(Installing Member completes the entire Installation)

The Officers will stand as I call your office and extend a charge to you.

GOVERNOR GENERAL You, as Governor, are responsible for leadership of the Society. Remember to always lead with dignity, kindness, fairness and strength. Your office demands respect and you as Governor, represent the epitome of the organization.

You preside at all meetings; appoint all committees, except the nominating committee. It is your responsibility to see that all officers perform their duties as stated in the Bylaws.

. Do you accept this charge?

FIRST DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL: You shall perform the duties of the Governor General in her absence, or inability to serve. You will work with the Second Deputy Governor General in making all arrangements for the annual meeting.

SECOND DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL: You shall perform the duties of the First Deputy General in the event that office becomes vacant. You shall work with the First Deputy Governor General in making all arrangements for the annual meeting.

CHAPLAIN GENERAL: You shall open each meeting with a prayer for guidance, asking a blessing for the food and closing all meetings with a benediction. You shall conduct a short Memorial Service at each Council for the members who have died during the year. You shall send cards of condolence to the families of deceased members.

SECRETARY GENERAL: You shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Council and of the Executive Board in a book kept for that purpose and shall furnish the Governor General with a copy.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY GENERAL: You shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, not assigned to others, and shall issue such notices as shall be ordered by the Executive Board or requested by the Governor General. You will maintain the Membership Database.

ORGANIZING SECRETARY GENERAL: You shall present to the Executive Board for approval all requests for organization of State Societies and Chapters with local recommendations for appointments of Officers. She shall report any disbandment to Treasurer General.

TREASURER GENERAL: You shall collect and have charge of all funds of the Society and shall deposit said funds in a bank the Executive Board shall approve—in name of CSDIW and all expenditures are to be accounted for with vouchers.

REGISTRAR GENERAL: You shall examine and verify all application papers and shall notify the applicant of acceptance. Maintains a file. She reports totals of changes in membership to the Executive Board and Council.

HISTORIAN GENERAL: You shall maintain a report in chronological order of all matters of historical significance pertaining to the Continental Society.

LIBRARIAN GENERAL: You shall be the custodian of all books and papers of an historical nature belonging to the Continental Society. You shall acknowledge receipt of all books and manuscripts contributed. You shall compile a list of desirable books that your Society or member might wish to donate to Native American Schools or local libraries.

INSTALLATION SHORT ALTERNATIVE

CHAPLAIN: You have been duly elected to office in the Continental Society (State) Daughters of Indian Wars. Do you accept the responsibilities which are thus entailed upon you? Do you promise to perform faithfully the duties of this office?

Response: I do.

CHAPLAIN: Do you pledge yourself to act in accordance with the Bylaws of the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars?

Response: I do.

CHAPLAIN: Do you promise to uphold loyally the Constitution of the United States of America?

Response: I do.

CHAPLAIN: I therefore declare that you are entitled to serve our Society in the office to which you have been elected.

PRAYERS AFTER INSTALLATION

Our Father, we ask Thy special blessing upon these newly elected officers. Endow them with a desire to know well the work of the Society. As we look to these new officers for leadership, may all members assume their share of responsibility in making this Society a power for good in our Country. We ask Thy benediction upon the work undertaken by each one. Amen.

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Almighty God, we humbly ask Thee to bless those to whom we entrust the authority of this Society. Grant them clear vision and true judgment. May they serve faithfully. We ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

STATE/CHAPTER CHARTERING CEREMONY

Governor General or Installing Officer: This is the Calumet. It is the symbol of our Society. (Pass the Calumet to the person on your right.) I come in Peace. (The Calumet is then passed to all the others in the room and finally returned to the Installing Officer.)

Governor General or Installing Officer: Let us pray. Direct us O Lord, in all our doings, with most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continued help, that all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Governor General or Installing Officer: Welcome to our Society. You are joining a circle of friends descended from ancestors who interacted with Native Americans. We are pleased that you have decided to organize a new chapter in our Society. As your name is called, please come forward to sign the charter and to name the ancestor from whose lineal descent you have joined the Continental Society.

(Organizing Governor or Installing Officer calls the names of the chartering members and hands the pen to each. She may sign the charter first giving the name of her ancestor.)

(At the conclusion of the signing of the charter, the Object of the Society is read.)

OBJECT AND PURPOSE

The object of this Society shall be to assist and encourage the preservation of records and historic sites associated with our native and immigrant American ancestors; to cherish the memory of those native and immigrant Americans who waged war and/or committed other acts of hostility together or one against the other in defense of their people's freedom, liberty and ideals; to strengthen fellowship and to encourage cooperation between descendants of native and immigrant Americans; to foster, in a spirit of patriotism, the support and endorsement of all treaties and laws made and agreed upon between the state and federal governments and the several tribes, bands, and nations of Native Americans; to publish a lineage book of the names and ancestral data of members of the Society, and original materials relating to this aspect of American history and promote and support worthy programs and projects of educational benefit to Native American Indians.

Governor General or Installing Officer: We will now install the officers of the newly organized chapter. As your name is called, please step forward. *(The list of officers to be named should be given to the Installing Officer prior to the service.)* Please raise your right hand as your name is called. The

response to the question I will ask is "I do." After you have answered, lower your hand.

Governor General or Installing Officer: You, as **Governor**, are responsible for the leadership of the society in this state, remember to always lead with dignity, kindness, fairness and strength. Your office demands respect and you, as Governor, represent the epitome of the organization in this state. You shall preside at all meetings; appoint all committees, except the nominating committee. It is your responsibility to see that all officers perform their duties as stated in the bylaws. Do you accept the responsibilities of the office?

Governor: I do

Governor General or Installing Officer: You, as **Deputy Governor**, are responsible for assisting the Governor and, in her absence, you shall assume her duties. You shall be responsible for programs and for the yearbook. It is vital that the Governor feels secure that she has your assistance. Do you accept the responsibilities of the office?

Deputy Governor: I do.

Governor General or Installing Officer: You, as **Chaplain**, are the moral fiber of the Society Opening all meetings with prayer for guidance, asking the blessing for the food and closing all meetings with a benediction. You remember all members in death, with a memorial service. You shall notify the Chaplain General of deaths of your members immediately so she may personally send condolences to the families. You shall install the newly elected officers unless you are being installed. Do you accept the responsibilities of the office?

Chaplain: I do.

Governor General or Installing Officer: You, as **Recording Secretary**, shall record and be the custodian of the minutes from all meetings of your Society. Recording not what was said, but what action was taken. This shall be the official record for the Society and must be correct in all detail. In the case of controversy, the written word is the accepted authority. Yours being the written history of the Society and as such, must be accurate. You should further the Governor with a copy of the minutes and see that all minutes are kept in a secure location. You should prepare a roll call and record attendance. Do you accept the responsibilities of the Office?

Recording Secretary: I do.

Governor General or Installing Officer: You, as **Corresponding Secretary**, have the obligation of all correspondence of the Society, you notify all members as directed by the Governor by phone, email or letter. Yours is the responsibility, for the members' awareness of the activities; the responsibility to create interest as you contact each member; the responsibility of sending condolences, get well, or other notices as requested by the Governor. Do you accept the responsibilities of the office?

Corresponding Secretary: I do

Governor General or Installing Officer: You, as **Treasurer**, shall receive and disperse all funds of the Society. Funds are deposited in the name of the Society and all expenditures are to be accounted for with receipts. You shall prepare a written account for each meeting and your books are to be audited at the end of your term. You shall inform the Treasurer General of changes in your Society, as well as collect and send in dues by the requested date. All dues are to be accompanied with an alphabetized list of members when sent to the Treasurer General. You shall also send any donations to the Treasurer General. Do you accept the responsibilities of the office?

Treasurer: I do.

Governor General or Installing Officer: You, as **Registrar**, are responsible for keeping a record of all current members, name changes, addresses, deaths, and new members as well as keeping a current file on members. When asked, you shall assist with prospective members' papers. You shall notify the Governor of new members. You are responsible for the safe keeping of the state copy of members' papers and treating them with utmost care. Members' papers are privileged information and are to be kept in strictest privacy, no information is ever revealed without the consent of the member. These papers should be kept in a secure location and guarded with great care. Do you accept the responsibilities of the office?

Registrar: I do.

Governor General or Installing Officer: You, as **Historian**, shall keep a printed record of the activities of your Society, from newspapers, programs and other written records. Copies of your publicity will interest the Historian General. Visit or call your news media and ask how you may better serve their interests in your activities, which will allow more people to hear of you and to become more interested in your Society. Do you accept the responsibilities of the office?

Historian: I do.

Governor General or Installing Officer: You, as **Librarian**, shall be the

custodian of all books and papers, which may be deposited with you, belonging to the Society. Your responsibility also includes compiling a list of books that have been presented by your Society and report this list to the Librarian General and to your Governor. You shall compile a list of desirable books that the Society or your members might wish to donate, either to your local libraries or to add to the holding of the Continental Society. Do you accept the responsibilities of the office?

Librarian: I do.

Governor General or Installing Officer: (*Bestows the sash and gavel upon the Governor.*) This sash, which is placed over your shoulder, is the badge of your office. Wear it with dignity. The gavel is the symbol of your authority. Always use it wisely, and impartially, gently but firmly. Upon you has been conferred the highest honor and greatest responsibility our Society can bestow, that of Governor. Let that responsibility never become a burden, but let it make your time of service the most enjoyable experience in your life. May I offer my sincere congratulations and offer my continued support.

My prayer to all of you is that you remember to:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

(*The newly installed chaplain offers the pledge.*)

Chaplain: Will all members repeat after me?

I pledge to the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars
And to the principles as set down in the Bylaws
That govern the Society
I Salute the banner of the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars
And pledge to support the Object.

Governor General or Installing Officer: I now declare these officers installed for the coming term of office in the (*State*) Society.

Chaplain: Heavenly Father, we close this day with thoughts of you and your many blessings. You have watched over us this day with your love and understanding, and as we go our separate ways, continue to watch over us until we meet again. Thank you for your constant care. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

INVOCATIONS

Direct us O Lord, in all our doings, with most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continued help, that all our words begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name. Amen.



Lord God of Heaven, we thank Thee for bringing us together this day. We are grateful for our many blessings. In humility we acknowledge that all has come from Thee. We thank Thee for the great heritage that is ours, forged by the toil and perseverance of those who went before us. May we be truly worthy of our inheritance. Be with those who could not be with us. Keep them in Thy care. Be with us gathered here. Guide our deliberations so that they may be pleasing to Thee. Help us to keep our sights high and our goals noble. In His name we pray. Amen.



Our Heavenly Father, as we meet to conduct the business of our Society, may our efforts reflect our warm respect for each other. Watch over and be with our members who are unable to be with us today. Guide and direct our National and World leaders during these days of turmoil. Be with us as we work for the future of our organization. Let us all be appreciative of the lives of our noble ancestors and live our days to honor their memory. In your Son's name we pray. Amen.



Today:

Give us, Lord, the strength to live this day with conscious joy and courage; courage to carry any load you may send our way today; give us joy as we discover your divine plan for each of us.

- *Prayer from the Lakota Prayer Book by Rev. Charles Flood, SCJ*



In times of crisis draw me out of fear and depression. When those who govern me falter, don't let me yield to despair. Bring me all the way back with a spirit of deepened trust, brighter hope, and enriched love. Help me, then to be more cheerful in your service.

- *St. Joseph's Indian School*



Dear Lord, we thank Thee for the wonderful things you have given us, the glory of the rising sun this morning, and for our homes, families and friends. We thank Thee for our beautiful world. For the flowers and birds and animals who share our world with us. We thank Thee for all your gifts for us. We rejoice and give Thee thanks. Amen.



Send your peace into my heart, O Lord, that I may be contented with the mercies of this day and confident of Your protection for the coming night. And having forgiven others even as You forgive me, may I rest in tranquility and trust; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Dear Lord, help us to learn to love one another. May the leaders of our nations learn to work with each other. Help us do away with barriers of indifference and hatred. Help us overcome our fears and prejudices. Give us courage and faith as we meet each day's problems. For Jesus sake. Amen.



Dear God, thank Thee for this day. Thank Thee for the friends we have in this Society Bless members who cannot be with us today. Especially, give comfort to members who are ill.



Help us as we do our work and may we find happiness in doing the things we enjoy. Give us courage and wisdom as we work together. Amen.



GRACES

Bless this food to our use and our lives to Thy service. Amen.



Thank You for the food, this place.

Thank You Lord for all Your Grace.

Thank You for the friends we bring

Thank You Lord for everything. Amen.



Our Father: As we partake of this food, touch each one here with Thy loving hand. Fill our minds with kindness and understanding. For friends, loved ones and for the beauty of this day, we give Thee thanks. Amen.



Bless, O Lord, this food to our use and ourselves to your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



BENEDICTIONS

Dismiss us Oh Lord with Thy tender loving care and be with us until we meet again. Amen.



And now we ask God's blessing
As we go our separate ways.
May He walk beside and guide us
In the living of our days.

May he heighten our awareness
Of the good and true and fine,
And kindle humble gratitude
Within your heart and mine.

May He give our faith a substance
That the world can see and feel,
And may we put that faith to work
With love-inspired zeal.

May our trust in Him be strengthened
By each trial along the way,
As we go now with His blessing,
In whose blessed name we pray.



May the Lord watch over us as we are absent one from the other. Amen.



PRAYER STICK INSTRUCTIONS

Materials Needed:

Dowel rods—one for each officer, ¼ x 12"

Water paints—colors listed below

Construction paper—each colors listed below, 2x12" strips

Leather—2x12" strips. Leather must be very soft. Suede cloth or another type of soft leather may be used.

Feathers

Scissors or fringing tool of choice

Glue

Assembly Instructions:

Paint dowel rods—one each as listed:

Red—Governor

Pink—First Deputy Governor

Orange—Second Deputy Governor

White—Chaplain

Black—Recording Secretary

Purple—Corresponding Secretary

Light Blue – Organizing Secretary (General only)

Green—Treasurer

Blue—Registrar

Yellow—Historian

Brown—Librarian

Fringe the construction paper and leather.

Mark your dowel rod 2" from one end (bottom) and 5" from the other end (top). Begin gluing small beads (not too many) the color matching fringed construction paper at an angle around the rod, from mark to mark.

Repeat the process as above with your leather with the addition of the following: just before you make the last wrap, add the top of a feather and finish winding before gluing the end solid.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Chaplain: Today we remember and honor our dear departed member(s).

Let us now with grateful hearts and with quiet personal remembrances remember before God our beloved departed.

In those whom they have blest, they live again. Eternal life is theirs throughout the years and time declares their immortality.

(Name departed members.)

Designated Member: *(Speak of deceased's life.)*

Chaplain: There is an open gate at the end of the road through which each must go alone. And there is a light we cannot see, as Our Father claims his own.

Beyond the gate our loved ones find happiness and rest. And there is comfort in the thought that a Loving God knows best.

May we say the 23rd Psalm together? *(An Indian version of the 23rd Psalm is on page 26.)*

Assembly:

The Lord is my shepherd.

I shall not want.

He maketh me lie down in green pastures.

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the

Shadow of death, I fear no evil,

For Thou art with me; Thy rod and

Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

In the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anointest my head with oil.

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

• *The Twenty-Third Psalm*

Chaplain: Amen.

GRAVE MARKING SERVICE

Opening: Welcome to the marking of our ancestor's grave. As we gather, let us be aware of the great lineage that we share with our ancestors. Let us open our service with prayer.

Chaplain: Direct us O Lord, in our doings, with most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continued help, that all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, that we may glorify Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Speaker: (Tells the legacy of the ancestor whose grave is being marked.)

Chaplain: (The marker should be covered with a white cloth that can be removed as the Chaplain speaks.)

We ask your blessings this day on the grave of (ancestor's name) whose service and patriotism is being remembered. His descendants represented here are a constant reminder of the love and loyalty to our country. Let us all remember that our freedom has been guaranteed by many who have gone before us in service. Thank you Holy Father for your continued watchful spirit as we mark this grave. Amen.

Chapter Governor: Let us conclude this service by reciting the Cherokee Prayer written by Lloyd Carol Owle.

PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS

A PRAYER IN TIME OF NEED; BASED ON TOBIT 33:22-26

In time of need Lord
You have sent your angels
To assist those who call
Upon you.

Be present to me now and
Show me your will. Send me
Your angel to bear this hardship

May I carry this burden knowing that you are close to me.
Grant me your love and guidance
And the assurance of your presence.

Amen.

• *From St. Joseph's Indian School*

A PRAYER BASED UPON PSALM 18:9-10

The Lord has opened the heavens
And come down to help me.
I see a cloud under His feet.
The Lord comes to me as an angel
And is at my side more quickly
Than the wind.
The Lord cares for me and I
Place my trust in Him. Be
Present Lord in your Holy Spirit
And through your angel keep me
Ever near to you.

INDIAN PRAYERS

O 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 see 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.



Great Spirit
Grant that I may not criticize
My neighbor until I have
Walked a mile in his moccasins



THE HURON CAROL

Twass in the noon of wintertime
When all the birds had fled,
That mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angels choir instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim
And wond'ring hunters heard the hymn:
"Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born:
In excelsis Gloria!"
Within a lodge of broken bark
The tender Babe was found.
A ragged robe of rabbit skin
Enwrapped His beauty 'round;
And as the hunter braves drew nigh
The angel song rang loud and high:
"Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born:
In excelsis Gloria!"

The earliest moon of wintertime
Is not so round and fair
As was the ring of glory
On the helpless Infant there.
the chiefs from far before him knelt
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt.
"Jesus, your King, is born.
Jesus is born:
In excelsis Gloria!"

Oh children of the forest free,
O sons of Manitou,
The Holy Child of earth and heaven
Is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant Boy
Who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.
"Jesus, your King is born,
Jesus is born:
In excelsis Gloria!"

• *Father Jean de Bre'beauf (1593–1649)*

CHEROKEE PRAYER

BY

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Oh Great Spirit,
Let your voice whisper righteousness in our ear through the West Wind in the
late of the day.

Let us be comforted with love for our brothers and sisters
With no war.

Let us hold good health mentally and physically to Solve our problems and
accomplish something for future generations of life.

Let us be sincere to ourselves and our youth,
And make the world a better place to live.

Amen.

Thank you for joining us today.

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*MAY THE GREAT SPIRIT
WATCH OVER YOU
AS LONG AS THE
GRASS GROWS AND
THE WATER FLOWS*

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An Indian Prayer

Oh, Great Spirit, whose
voice I hear in the winds,
and whose breath gives life
to all the world, hear me.

I come before You, one of
your many children, 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,
my ears sharp to hear Your voice.

Make me wise, so that I
may know the things You
have taught my people, the
lesson You have hidden in
every leaf and rock.

I seek strength not to be
superior to my brothers,
but to be able to fight my
greatest enemy—myself.

Make me ever ready to come
to You with clean hands
and straight eyes, so when
life fades as a fading sunset,
my spirit may come to You without shame.

• *Chief Yellow Lark from Seattle*

**SELECTIONS FROM
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An Indian Version of the 23rd Psalm

The Great Father above a Shepherd Chief is.
I am His, and with Him I want not. He throws
To me a rope, and the name of the rope is love.
He draws and draws me to where the grass is
Green and the water is dangerous not. I eat and
Lie down...and am satisfied. Sometimes my
Heart is very weak...and falls down, but He
Lifts me up again...and draws me into a good
Road...His name is Wonderful!

Sometimes, it may be very soon, it may be many,
Many moons...He will draw me into a valley.
It is dark there...but I'll be afraid not, for it
Is between those mountains that the Shepherd
Chief will meet me, and the hunger I have in my
heart all through this life will be satisfied.

Sometimes he makes the love rope into a whip,
But afterward He gives me a staff to lean upon. He
Spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods...
He puts his hand upon my head and all the "tired"
Is gone...My cup He fills till it runs over. What
I tell is true I lie not. Those roads that are "Away
Ahead" will stay with me through this life, and afterwards
I will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down
With the Shepherd Chief forever.

• *George Hunt (Kiowa)*

Arise and Pray:

When you arise in the morning,
Give thanks for the morning light,
For your life and strength,

Give thanks for your food
And the joy of living.
If you see no reason for giving thanks,
The fault lies in yourself.

• Tecumseh

Ojibwa Prayer:

Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds
And whose breath gives life to everyone,
Hear me.
I come to you as one of your many children.
I am weak...I am small...I need your wisdom and your strength.
Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever
 behold the red and purple sunsets.
Make my hands respect the things you have made,
 and make my ears sharp so I may hear your Voice.
Make me wise, so that I may understand what you
 have taught my people and
The lessons you have hidden in each leaf and each rock.
I ask for wisdom and strength,
Not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to
 fight my greatest enemy, myself.
Make me ever ready to come before you with clean hands
 and a straight eye,
So as life fades away as a fading sunset,
My spirit may come to you without shame.

• *Author Unknown*

Tears:

Not in the time of pleasure
Hope doth set her bow.
But in the sky of sorrow,
Over the tale of woe.

Through gloom and shadow look we
On beyond the years:
The soul would have no rainbow
Had the eyes no tears.

• *John Vance Cheney*

**SELECTIONS FROM
BOOK OF PRAYER FOR EVERY MAN**

BY

Theodore Parker Ferris

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For Guidance:

Oh God, guide us through the dark places in life. Grant that we may not fear the loss of thee, knowing that thou art always by our side, and that life will renew itself in us if we give it time and are willing to wait. And as we rise out of the low places, through which we sometimes must walk, help us to be thankful for them, because through them and by them we may be able to help someone else through the darkness into light.

For Guidance:

As we go on our way with the winds often against us, help us, O God, to trust and believe in the best we know, to do the best we can, and to be the best we are. Save us from all cheap and easy explanations and lead us more and more into the deep understanding of the truth that is in Christ Jesus, thy Son, our Lord and our God.

For Honesty:

Ye have heard that it hath been said...but I say unto you.

Guide us, O God, in these difficult matters; help us to keep a sane balance between the orthodoxy of the institution and the right of the individual to express his personal opinion; grant that we may always so inform our own opinions that when we express them, they may help and not hinder the truth; lead us more and more into the full apprehension of thy truth, O God.

For Right Judgment:

Show me the way, O God, that I cannot find for myself. Help me to see how this man looks to you and put out of my mind how he seems to me. Keep me on the right track and let not my self-pity throw me off. I want more than anything to keep my relationship with people direct, warm, and steady. I know that I cannot always do it; I know that I have not always done it. But help me this time to know what is right and give me the power to do it.

In the Hospital:

When I begin to feel better, Lord, let me not forget Thee. If I turn to Thee when I am in trouble, how much more shall I turn to Thee when I am not in trouble! To thank Thee for all my health, and for the prospect of brighter days ahead; to ask Thee for the good sense to enjoy my health, but not to waste it; to offer Thee my body, my will, my mind.

In the Hospital:

Through the lives of others Thy healing power steams. Keep them going, O Lord, through thick and thin, strain and stress; and may we who wait for them add nothing unnecessary to their work. When they are weary at the end of the day, give them the blessing of satisfaction and the renewal of complete rest.

In the Hospital:

Help me, Lord, to keep my discouragements to myself; Let me not dim the brightness of anybody else's day; Let no gloom of mine be added to the shadows through which the people around me already grope; And what I keep to myself, let me finally cast upon Thee, O Lord, and lose my darkness in thy Light.

In the Hospital:

This is another day. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus.

In Loneliness:

O God, when there are no people to talk to, help me to get along without people and to find things to do and think about. I have many resources within myself and there are many things that I can and should do. Give me, O Lord, the will to do them. Let me not stand still, except when I am waiting for Thee, and may I not idly waste the precious hours which once passed are gone forever. I see the riches all around me; take my eyes off everything else, that I be not misled by lesser things; and then put me in action, Lord; quiet, steady action, that I myself may richer be.

In Bereavement:

O God, who art the Lord of Death as well as Life, help us to face these mysteries unafraid, in the assurance and confidence that comes to us from our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that wherever He is, there we will be also.

In Anxiety:

The weather may be better or worse, we cannot tell. If it gets worse, help us to remember, O Lord, that it always changes, and that the dark skies hide a sun that is still bright. If it gets better, let its brightness not blind us to thy goodness; and in our gladness let us not forget Thee, whose goodness is the source of all our joy.

In Sickness:

Young woman, your faith has cured you.

O God, we thank Thee for our bodies, and for the power that Thou dost give us to keep and make them well. Give us a realistic faith in Thy power and goodness, and when we go through the alley of suffering and sickness, help us to trust in thy loving care and power.

In Discouragement:

O God, take the shortages of our lives and the few things that we have and multiply them until they are adequate to our need and to thy purpose. Let us never become discouraged because we have too little; remind us always how Christ took the little that people had and made it more than meet the needs of five thousand.

In Anxiety:

...be not anxious...

O God, who hast given us the mind whereby we may anticipate danger, give us also the grace by which we may go from day to day trusting in thy care, caring not too much about the little unimportant things but only for the things that count and are truly great. Free us from our anxiety so that we may walk bravely and without fear, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Service:

Lead us, O Lord, out of our little lives into the greater world of service and understanding and enjoyment. May we never be satisfied with ourselves, and always reach for the things that are beyond our grasp. We ask these things in the name of Him who as Love came among us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Service:

Open our minds and hearts, O God, to the mystery of thy truth. May we not shrink from the fact of reckoning in our lives. Make us generous in our judgment of others and, while we continue to maintain order in thy church, may we never keep out anyone who is looking for thee, no matter how they may appear to us at the moment. We ask these things in the spirit and in the name and power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Service:

Open the eyes of our understanding, O God, as we try to interpret thy word to us. Keep our minds clear, our imaginations alive, and our hearts pure and humble, that we may turn to the great Book in which we find Thy Word, knowing that in it thou wilt somehow speak to us and to our condition.

Spreading Joy:

We thank Thee, O God, for the joy that has come into our lives through Christ Jesus. May we never forget that religion without that joy is not his religion; and as we live and grow in it, may we not forget that ours is the privilege of taking that joy into the lives of other people. We ask this in the spirit and in

the name of him who came to turn the water of life into wine.

Life's Purpose:

As we direct our thoughts to the great problems of life, help us, O God, to think clearly, and then lead us out of ourselves toward Him who is the purpose of all men, that we may show forth in our lives something of His life, that the world through us may be reconciled to Thee.

Faithfulness:

We thank Thee, O God, for the ideals and standards by which we try to live, and for the ordered way of life in the faithful fellowship of thy church. Grant that we may never be so immersed in that way of life that we become immune to the life of those who are groping through way through the shadows and thick darkness, trying to find happiness and freedom. Help us to remember Him who came not to call the righteous but the sinner into His kingdom.

Love

Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may love those who do not love us; help us to restrain our natural tendency to resent the wrongs that people do to us and to take offense easily and quickly, and to nurse tenderly our grievances and grudges. May this day bring a new love into our lives and may we be purified by that love as we move on into the future.

Asking for Help:

As we become aware, O God, of our deepest needs and our inability to meet them by ourselves, give us the courage as well as the humility to reach out to Thine infinite resources. Make us not ashamed or afraid to cry to Thee, our Father, and to ask for the things which we sincerely desire, knowing that Thou cannot always give them to us, and wishing above all things that Thy will may be done, not ours.

Comfort:

O God, open our eyes to see the things that are happening around us. Quickened our minds and hearts to interpret what we see so that, as Thou art trying to speak to us, we will always be ready to listen. Help us to find our way, though we sometimes are strangers in very strange places, knowing that wherever we are, we are always at home in Thee.

Gratitude:

Help us, O God, to express the gratitude and appreciation which we feel deeply in our hearts. Spare us from carelessness and shallowness and help us to remember always what it means to another person and to Thee when we put into words how we feel. Bless us as we go about our work in Thy name and on behalf of Thy church, and to Thy name be the power and the glory.

