

A PRAYER TO REMEMBER THE INNOCENTS

Ohiŋni wičhaŋkiksuyapi kte.

We will always remember them.

Dear Lord, Almighty God,

We pray for all indigenous children who were in residential and boarding schools in Canada and the United States. Some died there; we ask that you give assurance to their descendants that their souls are with you and their ancestors. Some survived there; we ask that you give your healing grace to all who endured hardship while there and are still struggling with those memories. Lastly, we ask you to help us guard our children against harm in this world.

All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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