

Shared Visions

American Indian Wisdom, Quotes & Prayers

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Apache: “It makes no difference as to the name of the God, since love is the real God of all the world.”

Cherokee: “O Great Spirit, help me always to speak the truth quietly, to listen with an open mind when others speak and to remember the peace that may be found in silence.”

Cheyenne: “Let us know peace.
For as long as the moon shall rise,
For as long as the rivers shall flow,
For as long as the sun shall shine,
For as long as the grass shall grow,
Let us know peace.”
Cheyenne Prayer for Peace

Dakota: “We will be known forever by the tracks we leave.”

Hopi: “We are all flowers in the Great Spirit’s garden. We share a common root, and the root is Mother Earth.”

Iroquois: “In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations.”
From The Great Law of The Iroquois Confederacy

Navajo: “There is a way out of every dark mist; over a rainbow trail.”

Oneida: “It is no longer good enough to cry peace, we must act peace, live peace and live in peace.”
Chief Shenandoah

Sioux: “Be self-loving—go outside yourself and take action. Be peaceful, and be focused on the solution.”

Tusacora: “Man has responsibility, not power.”

Zuni: “The strong man walks with virtue.”