

**Remember Their Names Liturgy of Remembrance of Missing and Murdered
Indigenous Women**

(All participants are given a slip of paper containing a name from the list of missing women and girls below as they enter)

Litany of Remembrance

One: On this Day let us give honor
to those who hallowed this earth
by their prayers and
by the way they walked in the light of God
and to those who hallowed
and continue to hallow
the struggle for Justice
by the love that they have shown
to create a beloved community.
Let us remember the giants of faith
on whose shoulders we stand today.

(additional names may be inserted here)

Anne Marshall	Lois Neal
Suanne Ware-Diaz	Sandi Cianciulli
Barbra Jackson	Carol Eastin
RagghiRain	boe Harris
Becky Thompson	Tweedy Sombrero Navarrete
Cynthia Kent	Anita Phillips

One: Let us remember those
whose lives have been cut short.

**ALL: We remember before you
all the Indigenous girls and
very young women
who have suffered abuse,
rape,
and violence.**

**All those who are missing
or have been confirmed to be murdered.**

**We remember before you
all the Indigenous women,
who, have been violated,
beaten,
and cut down.**

**We remember before you
all the Indigenous women,
who, as mothers of girls and women**

**who have been brutalized
are seared with the burning pain of grief.**

Speak Their Names

at this time you may come forward to name the person you written on your slip of paper and place their name upon the altar. You may also name a particular person or group of people you know out loud as you feel led.

(additional names may be inserted here)

Ashley Loring Heavy Runner, Blackfeet Res MT, 2017
Mary Bercier, Spokane 2018
Patricia YellowRobe, Seattle 1998
Sandra Smiscon, Seattle 2003
Ashton Reyes, Seattle 2012
Nicole Westbrook, Seattle 2018
Eveona Cortez, Seattle 2018
Dusti Grey, Portland 2017
Teekah Lewis (age 3) , Tacoma WA1999
Teresa Davis, Tacoma 1973
Jacqueline Salyers, Tacoma 2016 Pregnant when killed by law enforcement
Jennika Suazo, Eureka CA 2016
Heather Cameron, Redding CA
Jezzeille Murdock, San Francisco 2017
Peggy Humber, Bakersfield 2000
Linda Hewitt, San Diego 1978
Lori Dee Wilson, Juneau AK 2016
Angeline Dundas, Ketchikan AK 2015
Annie Mann, Anchorage AK
Vera Hapoff, Anchorage AK
Della Brown, Anchorage AK
Genevieve Tetpon, Anchorage AK
Sophie Sergie, Fairbanks AK raped and killed in her dorm room 1993
Nancy Brower (15) , Utqiagvik AK 2002
Stella Evon, Bethel AK 1996
Sandra Frye, Bethel AK 2017
Tess White, Minnesota 2016 tortured and killed
Barbara Gonzales. Omaha NE 2010
Rose Fields, Omaha NE 2000
Cari Black Elk-Cline, Sioux Falls SD 2017
Alicia Jumping Eagle, Sioux Falls SD 2017

Deziree Martinez, Sioux Falls SD 2017
Jamie Wounded Arrow, Sioux Falls SD 2017
Dawn DeHerrera, Denver CO 2003
Almeda Old Crane, Missoula MT 1981
Melissa Tsosie, Santa Fe NM 2015
Terri Benally, Albuquerque NM
Kelly Watson, Albuquerque NM
Ryan Hoskie, Albuquerque NM
Vanessa Tsosie, Farmington NM
Colleen Lincoln, Gallup NM 2010
Deborah Haudley, Salt Lake City 2010
Nicole Joe, Flagstaff AZ 2017
Jane Velasquez, Tuscon AZ 2003
Mia Henderson, Tuscon AZ 2007

ONE: We ask you to grant eternal rest
to these your beloved women
and all Indigenous women
who have been murdered
and are missing.
May light perpetual shine on them.
Give rest, to your children
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing,
but life everlasting.
Give comfort to their families
and communities,
to mothers,
fathers,
grandparents,
aunties,
uncles and
children
of those missing and murdered.

ONE: We pray for their communities
and families
and all who mourn.

**ALL: May we turn our hearts,
minds,
souls,
and bodies
to care,**

**to advocate,
and to seek justice.
May we seek ways to support
the children and families
of these women,
with true nurture and care.
May their fathers and mothers
find healing in memory,
and the hope for justice
into which we are called into partnership.**

ONE: We remember before you
all the Indigenous women Elders
who bring the wisdom of their lives
to guide the younger generations.
**Many: We give thanks for their strength
and courage,
for those who have shared
their healing journeys.**

ONE: We pray for continued healing
and relief for them
for the grief they carry
for their grandchildren,
Indigenous girls and women missing or murdered,
as they near the end of their days.
**Many: May we so honor these Elders
that their stories of survival
and healing from violence
may guide us and teach us deeply.**

**ALL: May all who inhabit this sacred space today,
in body,
soul,
mind,
and heart,
be drawn even more deeply
through compassion into love
for our Indigenous sisters and all their relations;
may they be renewed in your hope;
and may they be strengthened
to serve along the pathways to which they are called.**

Commitment to Never Forget

ONE: Strengthen us

as we seek to serve your mission
of healing of your beloved creation.
As you cradle the world and
all its creatures in your love,
help us to trust in the firm and
gentle hold of that embrace,
that we might commit ourselves
with steadfast faith and persistent hard work
to pursue justice,
to speak truth where violence tries to hide.
Sustain and guide us
as we seek to heal the festering conditions
that breed violence and hatred.
Be our teacher in the ways of compassionate care.

I invite us all to make a commitment to never forget and fight this insidious violence.

Will you resist the powers and structures of evil that create violence and abuse, racism and sexism, and, when you come face to face with your place of privilege, will you turn in repentance and keep the circle strong?

ALL: I will, with God' s help.

One: Will you proclaim the names you have spoken as a sign of repentance and honor their names by remembering that their stories are the legacy of colonial powers that perpetuate violence.

ALL: I will, with God' s help.

ONE: As you live out this commitment, will you work to recognize your own needs for healing, will you seek out and serve all Creation, loving your neighbour as yourself?

ALL: I will, with God' s help.

ONE: The whole creation yearns for us, the children of God, to be revealed in our care for each other and for all of creation. Will you join the struggle against the social, racial, economic and land injustices that affect the lives of Indigenous peoples and harm the earth?

ALL: I will, with God' s help.

Closing the Circle

ONE: I Invite each of us today
particularly the non-Natives present
to make a commitment to create an awareness
of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Consider: What will you tell your community?

Your neighborhood?

Your political leaders?

Closing Prayer

One: Creator,
we come to you with humility,
respect,
courage,
and honesty,
seeking your wisdom,
generosity and love.
Help us to understand those things
that lead your people into despair;
guide us to help make changes
and restore the spirituality of all people.
For all the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls,
we give thanks for their lives
and pray that they have found peace with You.

Give your comfort to family and friends,
help them to heal
and find ways to honor their loved ones.
Give us strength
to prevent our people from falling into mind changing substances
and ways of life that are not in harmony with your teachings.
Creator,
mend our circle,
restore us to the good way;
we ask this in your name and the name of your Son, the Peacemaker.

As you are comfortable let us sing/or pray the Lord's Prayer together that the non-violent kingdom may come in its fullness.

ALL: Amen.

Worship Notes:

Communion Liturgy: Adapted by Rev. Dr. Suzanne Wenonah Duchesne from The Africana Worship Book, Year C, UMC Discipleship Resources 2008 and a litany prepared by the Rev. Canon Ginny Doctor, Henriette Thompson and a Sacred Circle advisory group, September 2015
The original service concluded with: The Lord's Prayer, music by Mark Miller from Companion music for communion: The Faith We Sing, Abingdon Press, 2000.