

A Blessing to Persevere Through Injustice

Blessed are you, in your emptiness
and in your desperate cries to God.
For yours is the Grace of God,
the Love that surpasses all understanding.
Blessed are you who cry for your own pain
and for the suffering you witness.
For the Holy Spirit is promised to you,
groaning herself where words fall short.
Blessed are you who respond in nonviolence
for you belong to God and one another.
And life will flourish where you seek to protect it.
Blessed are you who ache and fast for justice,
for you will witness the Love of God
acting upon this earth.
Blessed are you who are led by empathy,
quick to listen and slow to judge.
You will sow gentleness, kindness and mercy.
Blessed are you who push deeper into your faith.
You will be refreshed to go on.
Blessed are you who work for justice.
You will know the binding Love of God in your life.
Blessed are you who suffer for that work.
You make way for Resurrection.

*Prayers and Songs For the
Niobrara Circle*

Standing Rock

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Prayer of Anointing for the Water Protectors

Begin kneeling at the feet of the Water Protector and say:

I am a child of the empire that exiled you, the empire that stole your land, killed your people and lied about who you are, the empire that builds the Black Snake now, threatening and assaulting your people and stealing your land again. Despite all of this, you fight for your people and for all of us. You fight for our land and water. You fight for me and my daughter. Your courage and prayers have opened my eyes and changed me forever. Your invitation to come stand with you have humbled me and shown me what mercy and humanity can be. Bless you.

Stand and rub oil on the forehead of the Water Protector saying:

I declare that the Living God is with you and I anoint you because your struggle here is sacred, you and your people are beautiful, and you are the light this world desperately needs.

Hold the hands of the Water Protector saying:

May you, dear child of God, be blessed in this community.
May you, wise warrior, be filled with courage and peace.
May you dear brother/sister, live to see the beautiful world you are creating for your children and your children's children.
The Spirit of the Living God be with your now and always.
Amen.

Peacemaker

We follow the Reconciler
We bear His name and give you what he gave to us
Peace maker and healer
Jesus taught us and leads us in the world now - Peace (4x)

Hunger & Thirst

We don't want another empty promise
We don't want another campaign
We want every child to live and thrive
And peace and justice here to reign
We hunger, thirst for, justice
God of love, Jesus, help us

Call to Nonviolence

We withdraw our hands, from things that destroy,
systems that oppress, from selfishness
We will walk the earth in nonviolence,
the strength of peace and trust, imagination
Lifting up your love, transforming our lives
Walking in the dreams of God

Amahoro

Love, love love show us the way - Amahoro
Peace show us the way - Amahoro
Hope, hope, hope show us the way - Amahoro

Mercy Blessed

Only goodness flows from God - Blessed is God's mercy
Forgiving debt and redeeming wrongs - Blessed is God's mercy
This is why we stand in love - Blessed is God's mercy

We have come to Standing Rock to sing
Blessed is God's mercy
To stand in love and solidarity
Blessed is God's mercy
Water protectors are beloved by God
Blessed is God's mercy