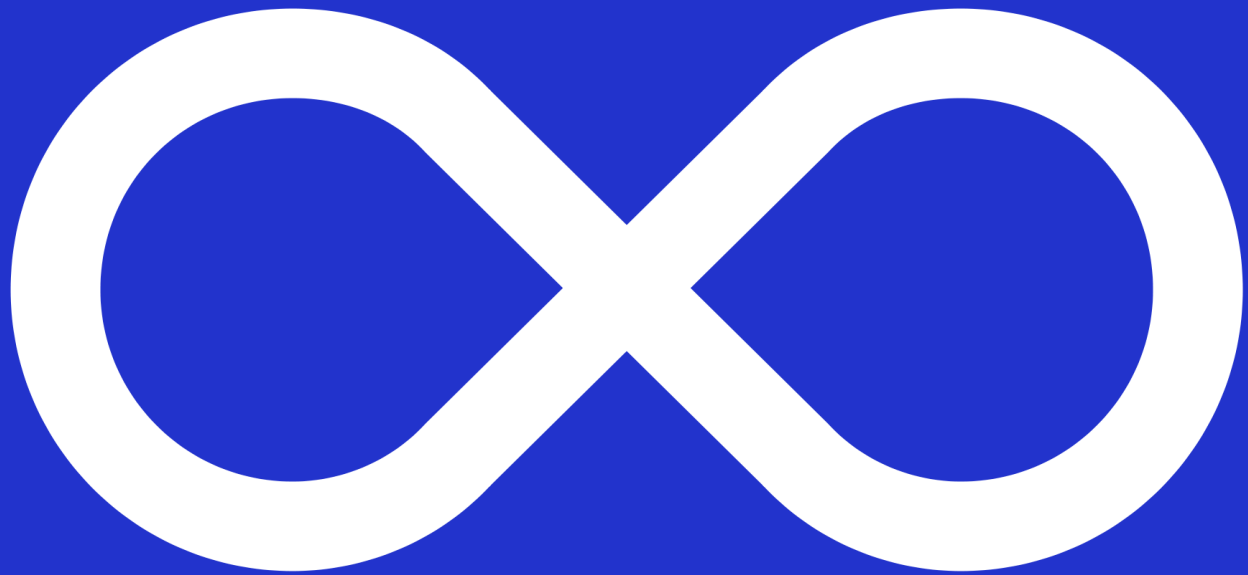


Prayers Written by our Michif Elders

Kamloops and Merritt , BC
July 2016



A Métis Prayer

GREAT SPIRIT, we thank you for the food, shelter and clothing you have provided.

WE thank you for all the good things of life around us.

WE thank you for the good friends and companionship we extend to each other.

TO THE CREATOR, above all, we thank you for the wonders of nature, peace,
health and tranquility.

Megwich Mersee

Written by: Michif Elder Dave Barron



We Must Keep Our Metis Families Together

I pray to the Great Spirit and the Creator
Who guides the sun, the moon, and the stars.

Please help us humble Metis parents
And those entrusted to care and love
Our unique Metis children in special care.

I ask again for the powers of the Great Spirit
To help these Metis families
To heed the many temptations of the
World today.

Remember:

Divided we are weak;
Together we are strong.

Megwich, Otipemisiwak

Written by: Michif Elder Dave Barron, July 2013



Feast Prayer

Let us thank the Creator for this gathering during the holiday season and we ask Him to bless the hands that have shopped for and prepared this feast for all of us. Bless all those who are travelling to be with family, through out Christmas and New Years, keep them safe on the roads. We ask that you comfort those who are alone or lonely, and we promise that we will do our best in sharing with those who are less fortunate.

We pray Heavenly Father for you to continue to guide our People, especially our Children and Youth to keep them strong, we ask for strength for our Leaders and our Elders, and for guidance, for those who are troubled, we ask for comfort for those who are sick in spirit or body.

We also ask the Creator to continue to guide our Métis Community here in Kamloops and we thank Colleen Lucier, and all the staff and supporters at the LMO office for this night of Christmas celebration with open hearts.

We are grateful and thankful for all the blessings we have received over the past year. We look forward to the beginning of the New Year, we ask Lord that you assist and guide us to live with all others in peace, joy, love and fellowship.

Megwich

All my Relations

Amen

Written by: Michif Elder Mazie Beads



Louis Riel Feast Prayer



Let us thank our Heavenly Father, the Creator for the opportunity given us tonight to share in this feast to respect Louis Riel, our great leader who led The Metis Nation, with pride, dignity and honour throughout his life. Bless the hands of our Métis Family who took the time to shop and prepare this bountiful dinner.

We also ask the Creator to continue to guide our Metis Community here in Kamloops and we thank Colleen Lucier, and all her staff and supporters at the LMO office, including the Ministry of Children and Family Development for this night of celebration with open hearts and love.

We pray Creator for you to continue to guide our People, especially our Children and Youth to keep them strong, we ask for strength for our Leaders and our Elders, and for guidance, for those who are troubled, we ask for comfort for those who are sick in spirit or body.

We thank you for this beautiful land we live in, and to teach us to love and honour all your creations.

Maarsii

Meegwetch

Amen

And all my Relations





God, our Creator, give us courage,
let us be of one mind,
Make us righteous, thankful and proud.

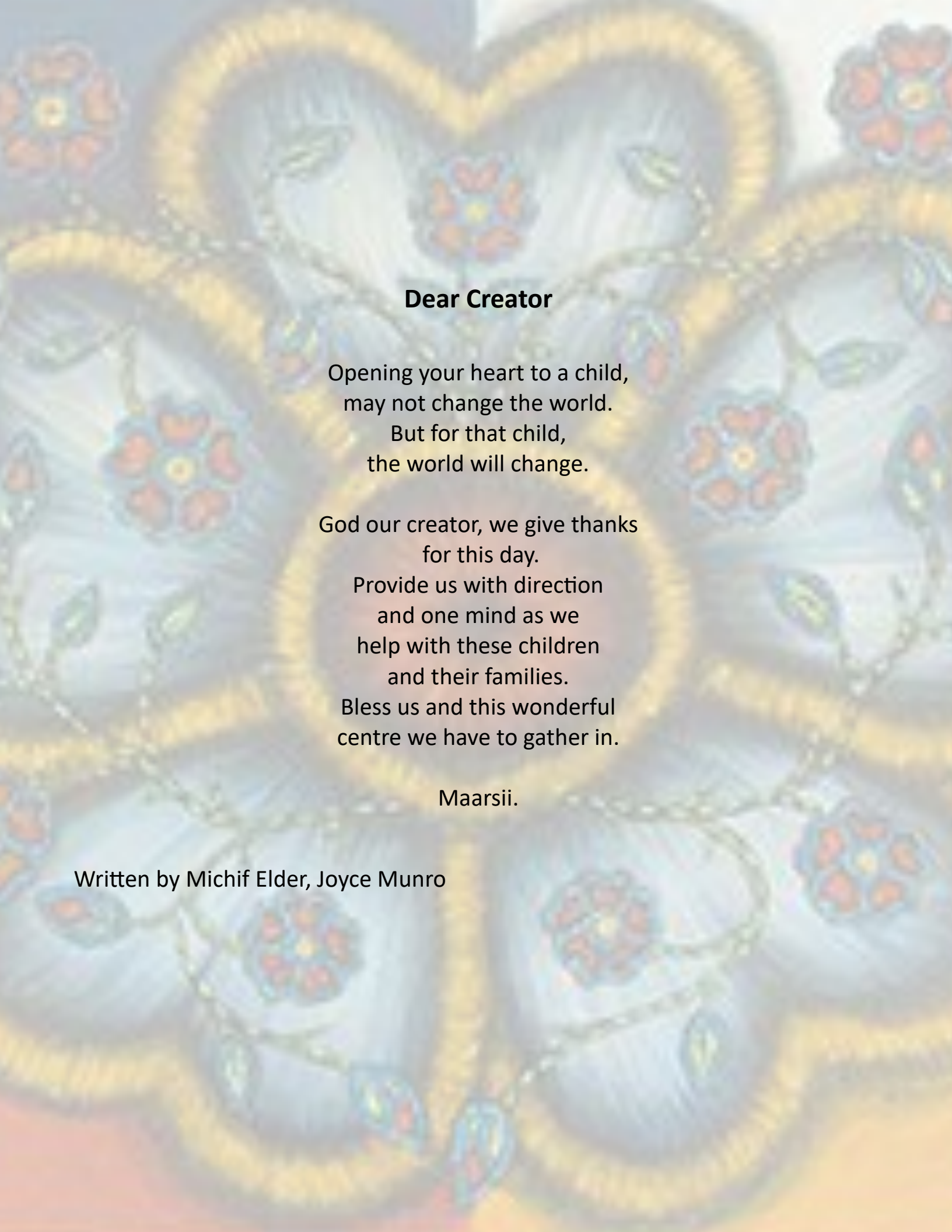
Help the Métis to work together especially
utilizing our Elders as teachers and
preparing our youth for the future.

Lord, provide us with direction and
inspiration as we build a road for
the Métis nation in this country.

We must have strong Métis families
in order to have a strong Métis nation.

Thank-you and Amen.

Written by Michif Elder Fred Paquette



Dear Creator

Opening your heart to a child,
may not change the world.
But for that child,
the world will change.

God our creator, we give thanks
for this day.

Provide us with direction
and one mind as we
help with these children
and their families.

Bless us and this wonderful
centre we have to gather in.

Maarsii.

Written by Michif Elder, Joyce Munro



Dear Creator

We humbly ask for your guidance throughout this meeting, keep us thoughtful and respectful of each other, keep us strong in heart and mind. Let our communication be clear concise and mindful of others feelings.

We pray Creator for you to continue to guide our people, especially our children and youth and to keep them strong, we ask for strength for our leaders and elders, we ask for guidance, for those who are troubled, and we ask for comfort for those who are sick in spirit or body.

We thank you for the life we live, and for all that you give to sustain us throughout our lives.

Written by: Michif Elder Mazie Beeds

MEDIATION CLOSING PRAYER

Beloved Creator, we are grateful for the
inroads we have made during this mediation. The respect which
has been shown to each
other, as well as the understanding, openness and the considera-
tions given to ensure
positive results for this most precious family.

We ask for your blessings for all the youth, children and their
families, as well as your assistance in the preparation of a whole-
some, healthy life.

Thank you for this day and the goodness which surrounds us.

Maarsii, Meegwetch, Amen, and all my
Relations

Meeting Prayer

Heavenly Father, Creator of all, we humbly ask for your guidance throughout this meeting. Keep us thoughtful and respectful of each other, keep us strong in heart and mind. Let our communication be clear concise and mindful of others feelings.

We pray Creator for you to continue to guide our People, especially our Children and Youth and to keep them strong, we ask for strength for our Leaders and our Elders, we ask for guidance, for those who are troubled, and we ask for comfort for those who are sick in spirit or body.

We ask for this Creator in your name.

Maarsii, Meegwetch, Amen, and all my Relations

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION PRAYER

Dear Creator thank you for this special day and the opportunity for us to gather to celebrate our Mothers, Grandmothers, and all those who care for our precious children.

Bless the hands that shopped for and the hands that prepared this Luncheon for us all to enjoy.

Bless all the Mothers and give them patience and understanding to raise the most special gift that is bestowed upon us in the form of our children. We know they are our strength and our future and we ask you to help us all to keep them strong in all aspects of life.

Bless our Métis community and give us the ability to understand each other, to celebrate the diversity within each of us, to live our lives fully and under the dome of your protection and care.

We pray Lord for you to continue to guide our People, especially our Children and Youth to keep them strong, we ask for strength for our Leaders and our Elders, and for guidance for those who are troubled, we ask for comfort for those who are sick in spirit or body.

We thank you for this beautiful land we live in, and to teach us to love and honour all your creations.

Amen, Maarsii, Meegwetch, and all My Relations