

## **Prayer for the Great Family**

**Gratitude to Mother Earth, sailing through night and day – and to her soil:  
rich, rare and sweet**

*In our minds so be it.*

**Gratitude to Plants, the sun-facing, light-changing leaf and fine root-  
hairs; standing still through wind and rain; their dance is in the flowing spiral  
grain**

*In our minds so be it.*

**Gratitude to Air, bearing the soaring Swift and the silent Owl at dawn.  
Breath of our song, clear spirit breeze**

*In our minds, so be it.*

**Gratitude to Wild Beings, our brothers, teaching secrets, freedoms,  
and ways; who share with us their milk; self-complete, brave, and aware**

*In our minds, so be it.*

**Gratitude to Water: clouds, lakes, rivers, glaciers; holding or releasing;  
streaming through all our bodies and salty seas**

*In our minds, so be it.*

**Gratitude to the Sun: blinding, pulsing light through trunks of trees,  
through mists, warming caves where bears and snakes sleep – he who wakes us**

*In our minds, so be it.*

**Gratitude to the Great Sky: who holds billions of stars – and goes yet  
beyond that – beyond all powers, and thoughts, and yet is within us –  
Grandfather Space. The Mind is his Wife.**

*So be it.*

*after a Mohawk prayer*