

AN AMERICAN INDIAN (CHEROKEE) PRAYER
PRAYING TO THE GREAT SPIRIT (KIJIMONITO)

Oh! Great Spirit, whose voice I hear
In the wind, and whose breath gives life to everyone of your many children
I am weak...I am small...I need your wisdom and strength.

Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunsets,
Make me respect the things you have made, and my ears sharps so that I may hear your
voice.

Make me wise so that I may understand what you have taught my people and lessons you
have hidden in each rock and leaf.

I ask for wisdom and strength, not to be superior to my brothers and sisters, but to be able
to fight against my greatest enemy, myself.

Make my vision clear to come before you, with clean hands and straight eyes so that as
life fades away as a fading sunset,

My spirit will come to you, without shame, across the great valley on a snow white pony.

AHO! (Amen)

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