# For the Beauty of Those Lost, for Healing Founded on Justice

*A prayer for missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirited people, their families, and the public inquiry into what happened to them.*

Great and Holy Mystery, Comforter, Advocate,

Receive our prayers at this sacred time for the families of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirited people

They have waited for a very long time to share their stories

They have waited for a very long time to obtain a true sense of justice and reach a true place of peace

Receive our prayers, at this important time, for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

May the inquiry unfold in a way that honours those who have been lost and that respects in every way   
in which it acts, speaks, and conducts its business, the needs and wishes of the families and loved ones   
of those who have been lost

God of the broken and the broken-hearted

You who know what is to be vulnerable, receive our prayers

For the beautiful Indigenous girls whose lives were cruelly shortened  
For the beautiful Indigenous women who were robbed of their potential  
For the beautiful two-spirited people who were targeted because of bigotry

You who know what it is to grieve the loss of a child, receive our prayers

For the families who have been waiting to speak about their loved ones  
For the families who have been waiting to talk about obstacles to justice   
For the families who have been waiting to share ideas, solutions, and the wisdom acquired   
from their painful experiences

God of compassion, receive our prayers

For the hope of this time of inquiry  
For the opportunity to listen with open hearts, open minds, and open spirits eager to learn how   
as a caring community we must do better  
For the promise of those entrusted with the sacred responsibility of leadership   
in determining the way forward

God of wisdom, receive our prayers

For the commissioners of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and their staff  
For governments, for police forces, for coroners and forensic scientists, for the courts, and for all institutions of justice and service who have roles to play to stop the violence and protect the vulnerable  
For Indigenous leaders who strive to create safety and security for their people and to recover and strengthen traditional values and practices of community

God of healing

You know that many are worried and troubled  
You know the challenges which the inquiry has had beginning its sacred work  
You know that some are losing hope and losing faith

Receive our prayers

For the needs of families to come first  
For good judgment and intelligence to prevail in decision-making  
For courage and perseverance to overcome obstacles, to risk making hard choices, and to share hard truths

God of justice, receive our prayers

For the recovery of evidence and information that can bring closure to those who grieve  
For the swift identification of those who have yet to be brought to justice and may yet cause more harm  
For the elimination of racism and discrimination that endanger Indigenous girls, women,   
and two-spirited people and impede the pursuit of justice for them

God of peace, receive our prayers

For the beautiful Indigenous girls growing up across this country  
 May they always be able to enjoy times of learning, times of play, and time at home safely  
For the beautiful Indigenous women working hard for their families and communities  
 May they always be able to enjoy times of relaxation and respite from their cares,   
 securely and free from fear  
For the beautiful two-spirited people blessing all those with whom they come into contact  
 May they always be able to enjoy the cities, the towns, and the country side of this great land   
 in comfort and with a sense of welcome wherever they go

God of grace, receive our prayers

For the work of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls  
For the families and all those who loved the beautiful ones who have been lost  
For the justice we all hope for and long for so very much

In the name of all our relations. Amen