

# A COVENANT PRAYER WITH THE LAND

*Today let us make a covenant with this land. As new fruit  
can be grafted  
onto the branch of a mature tree,  
may we wish to be grafted  
onto the ancient heritage of this land of our first people,  
so that its life may flow through us.*

*We commit ourselves to this land we live in and all who  
belong to it.*

*We will care for it with gentleness, patience, strength and  
compassion, rather than merely something  
to be bought and sold.*

*We will look on the land as a gift for which we are truly  
thankful and undertake the privileged duty, of respecting  
and looking after it.*

*We thank the Great Creator Spirit,  
for all the earth provides, water, food, all the riches above  
and below the ground*

*and undertake to use them wisely, daringly, while ensuring  
that any development brings danger to no one.*

*As we enter more deeply into the Spirit of the land we will  
see it as a Sacrament and Icon  
of our Mothering Creator Spirit.*

*Let us be still now - listen to the breath of the Spirit which  
has blown through this land for ages Past - Today - and  
Always - for this is ...*

*The Spirit of The Dreaming.*