

2024 Theme: Our Planet

"The earth is what we all have in common." - Wendell Berry

July-August-September

Focus: Fire

Quote: "A small match lights a big fire." - Matshona Dhliwayo

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Photo by Vlad Bagacian

Prayer/Meditation:

40,000 Year-old Australian Aboriginal Prayer

Picture/Symbol: Creative, red

January 13, 2011 May the fire be in our thoughts making them true, good and just, may it protect us from the evil one.

May the fire be in our eyes; may it open our eyes to share what is good in life. We ask that the fire may protect us from what is not rightfully ours.

May the fire be on our lips, so that we may speak the truth in kindness; that we may serve and encourage others.

May it protect us from speaking evil.

May the fire be in our ears.

We pray that we may hear with a deep, deep listening

so that we may hear the flow of water, and of all creation. And the dreaming.

May we be protected from gossip and from things that harm and break down our family.

May the fire be in our arms and hands so that we may be of service and build up love. May the fire protect us from all violence.

May the fire be in our whole being – in our legs and in our feet, enable us to walk the earth with reverence and care; So that we may walk in the ways of goodness and truth and be protected from walking away from what is truth.

- credited to Burnum Burnum, Australian Aboriginal elder

Ideas for benefiting organization: Here is a list of 8 organizations for wildfire relief:

https://impactful.ninja/best-charities-for-wildfire-relief/

Ideas for ambiance: Candles, of course. Perhaps stick candles in a bucket of sand that each walker can light and place in the sand.

Music: Relaxing music and campfire: https://youtu.be/5gBJrZmbGLo?si=kK9Y5Ac0S0PQS2YB

World Peace Day is September 21, 2024