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**- Iroquois Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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**Thanksgiving**

**We return thanks to our mother, the earth,  
which sustains us.**

**We return thanks to the rivers and streams,  
which supply us with water.**

**We return thanks to all herbs,  
which furnish medicines for the cure of our diseases.**

**We return thanks to the moon and stars,  
which have given to us their light when the sun was gone.**

**We return thanks to the sun,  
that has looked upon the earth with a beneficent eye.**

**Lastly, we return thanks to the Great Spirit,  
in Whom is embodied all goodness,  
and Who directs all things for the good of Her children.**

**- Iroquois Prayer of Thanksgiving**

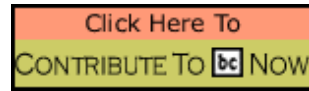
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