

## **Four Directions Orange Shirt Prayer**

### **Leader:**

Come Great Spirit as we gather in your name. Creator who holds the spirits of our grandmothers and grandfathers and the spirits of our grandchildren, remembering the children, we now pledge ourselves to speak the Truth; of the injustices lived; of the sufferings inflicted; of the tears cried; of the misguided intentions imposed; and of the power of prejudice and racism which were allowed to smother the sounds and laughter of the forgotten children.

Jesus Christ, our redeeming and reconciling God, have mercy on us and forgive us, teach us to walk in your ways of sacrifice and peace.

### **Child Voice:**

We turn to face East. Creator we thank you for this day, for every new beginning and for the gift of life. We remember today that every child matters. Every child is precious in your sight. We remember the children who were hurt, alone and afraid far from home in residential schools. May we commit ourselves now to the care of every child.

### **Youth Voice:**

We turn to face South. Creator may we only hear and speak truth, even truth that is hard. May we commit ourselves now to learning and speaking the truth; of the past harms of our church and our country. May the truth be spoken and taught in our schools and wherever we gather to learn peace. May the truth stir our hearts to take action for the hope of a new beginning.

### **Adult Voice:**

We turn to face West. Great Creator God who desires that all creation live in harmony and peace, Remembering the Children we dare to dream of a Path of Reconciliation where apology from the heart leads to healing of the heart and the chance of restoring the circle, where justice walks with all, where respect leads to true partnership, where the power to change comes from each heart. May we commit ourselves today to leading our communities on your path of reconciliation.

### **Elder Voice:**

We turn to face North. Great Spirit heal us and have mercy upon us for all spiritual harm. Bind us together by your Spirit and grant us the wisdom to walk together in peace.

### **Leader:**

We turn to complete the circle and to look to God in our midst who fills us with mercy and calls us to action together. We commit ourselves to reconciliation, to learning with open minds, loving with open hearts and seeking new relationships in humility.