

A Prayer Vigil for the Earth



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Multi-Cultural Prayer, Peace Pipes, Music & Ceremony ***17th Annual Prayer Vigil for the Earth***

Sat-Sun, Oct 10-11, by the Washington Monument

Washington, DC – Experience a heart-felt, mindful and joyful celebration of life as people from all over the world and from a great array of traditions come together to share prayers, ceremonies, songs and music in celebration of the Earth. Participate in the lighting of the sacred fire and the ritual of sharing of peace pipes at sunrise. Honor the Earth through Native American and other cultures' prayers and ceremonies; move with the rhythm of African and Japanese drummers, the spirited music of Indian, Jewish and Gospel music.

Join us for the 17th Prayer Vigil for the Earth, next to the Washington Monument off Constitution Ave between 15th and 17th Streets NW from sunrise Saturday, Oct 10 to mid-afternoon Sunday, Oct. 11. Experience a spirit-stirring, heart-stirring, mindful and joyful celebration of life as people from all over from a great array of traditions come together to share prayers, ceremonies, songs and music in celebration of the Earth. All are invited! Come by for awhile – or stay.

The host tradition of this amazing event is Native American, joined by spiritual leaders and representatives from major faiths and many spiritual beliefs and anyone who wants to be part of this magical, exhilarating and peaceful experience. Since its founding in 1993, the Vigil has grown tremendously. Participants include indigenous traditions from North and Central America; Buddhists; Tibetan Buddhists; Christians; Jains; Hindus; Muslim; members of Shinji Shumeikai; Sikhs, members of the Yoruba tradition; and other faiths and cultures.

Experiences and events during the Vigil include:

Lighting of the sacred fire and sharing peace pipes at sunrise
International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers
Water ceremony with Mother Taylor, high priestess of West African houses
Amazing Shumei Taiko drummers from Japan
Gospel music with Native American Lilli Cummings, Pawnee from Oklahoma
Activities for kids
Sikh and Indian music
Christian songs, recitations, ceremony
Jewish song and dance, a Sukkah for all to visit, the blowing of the Shofar
Sufi chanting; Muslim Call to Prayer, Sunrise Sun. Oct. 11
Middle Eastern prayer and healing ceremony
... and so much more

Program highlights for the 2008 event: http://oneprayer.org/Program_highlights.html

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