

## **Prayer Vigil for the Earth held in Washington DC**

WASHINGTON DC - The 2001 Prayer Vigil for the Earth safely took place Sept. 22-23, 2001 at the Washington Monument in DC. The goal of the Vigil has been to quietly and humbly raise veils between and among people. Over the past nine years, a circle of volunteers and ordinary people from many diverse cultural and spiritual traditions have gathered to honor the Earth, practice respect of each other, and cultivate a “culture of peace”.

### **Maya Spiritual and Ceremonial leaders – Nana and Tata Pixtun of Guatemala.**

This year in particular, organizers felt the goal of the gathering “manifested exponentially” especially in the wake of the recent occurrences, which rocked “American and Western” ways of life. For those participating, the Vigil revealed it was and is possible for people of different faiths and cultures to come together in peace to pray for the highest good of all. This has been the “vision” of the organizers and for these few days, this vision was indeed lived. Beginning with a sacred pipe ceremony at sunrise, Indigenous Elders shared the teachings of the four basic elements of the Earth – the water, air, land and fire. It was remarked that these elements “were praying for us and that a portal between the visible and invisible.”

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