

A Collective Prayer for Building Resilient Communities

Today let us name all that is present, what is alive in each one of us. What has been named and as-yet-unnamed throughout this morning and into the day.

Let us name the uneven impacts of climate change, biodiversity loss, land grabbing by industrial agriculture, deforestation, rising temperatures, environmental degradation, the destruction of nature, the destruction of livelihoods of communities.

We are planting a seed of intentions, planting seeds of hope with collective actions, with planting communities, with fermentations of collective resilience. We are reminded to make a place for grief, as well as solidarity, empowerment, and resistance.

Let us honor intersectional environmental and climate justice, visionary acts of care and resilience, the interconnection between liberation of beings on this earth, the entangled scales of existence in multispecies landscapes, in breath, in song, in the land itself, listening to the mountains as they murmur stories of loss and silence, the rivers, the carriers of life, the farmers' rights to seeds, seeds as both practical tools and powerful metaphors for resilience and regeneration. Let us honor community building and collective imaginations toward a just and resilient future, toward a vibrant and harmonious future, the heart, the collective work of plants, a lifelong struggle against the land-devourers who destroy everything, feminine strength, slowing down and reconnecting with our bodies and each other.

Let us be grateful for resilient communities that are growing together instead of falling apart, for the water that is being regenerated, protecting the rivers, the land that is being tended to, regenerative gardening, medicinal herb gardens, food sovereignty, smuggled, cherished and fugitive seeds, wind, light, flowers, and mountains, the soil, the Indigenous peoples around the world who are custodians of over 80% of the world's biodiversity. Let us be thankful for cooking and storytelling, songs that celebrate joy and togetherness, poetry, drawings, and stories, feeling the earth's texture, the grass's scent, and the root's resistance, collective resilience, labor struggle, and civil disobedience, for stewarding the diversity of the web of life, the power of coming together as a community in these times of struggle, exploring together how regenerative practices can nourish our activism, how culture is a form of resistance, and how interconnected forms of sharing, small, interconnected actions that sustain and renew life, are creating networks of solidarity and shared learning across geographies and generations.

May this offering be enough for building collective resilience, for resilience that endures. May we walk gently with all that we carry, into the day and into our daily practices and our daily actions. May we be present with crises in a way that does not spiral into despair or collapse into reactive

outrage. May we invite compassion into our daily practice, invite slowness into our small yet meaningful actions, to amplify connection and build toward collective repair. May we accept this invitation to act, not from guilt but from shared responsibility and accountability toward a just and resilient future.*

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