

Matthew 5: 13-16

Salt of the Earth, Light of our soul: **Hear our prayer**

We give thanks for the essential elements that sustain and preserve,
and for sunlight that stimulates growth and strengthens our bones
Stir us, and enlighten us, so we may heal the land that heals us.

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We ask for a blessing upon Nowanup, the grain of salty wisdom and beacon of
light in an emptied land. We seek a blessing of strength and protection upon
Eugene, and upon all who tend the ancient stories, restore country, and build
community.

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We bring you the deep troubles and conflicts of the world. Free us from the
blandness of apathy and awaken our passion for truth-telling and justice. Let us
not hide from responsibility, but radiate hope.

We pray for those close to our hearts, those losing their taste for life, those
whose spark is dimmed ... replenish each of us so we might bring our unique
gift to life and find the courage to let our light shine.

And with our ancestors who have returned to the elements, fill us to
overflowing with your eternal light.

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