

# The Lakeside

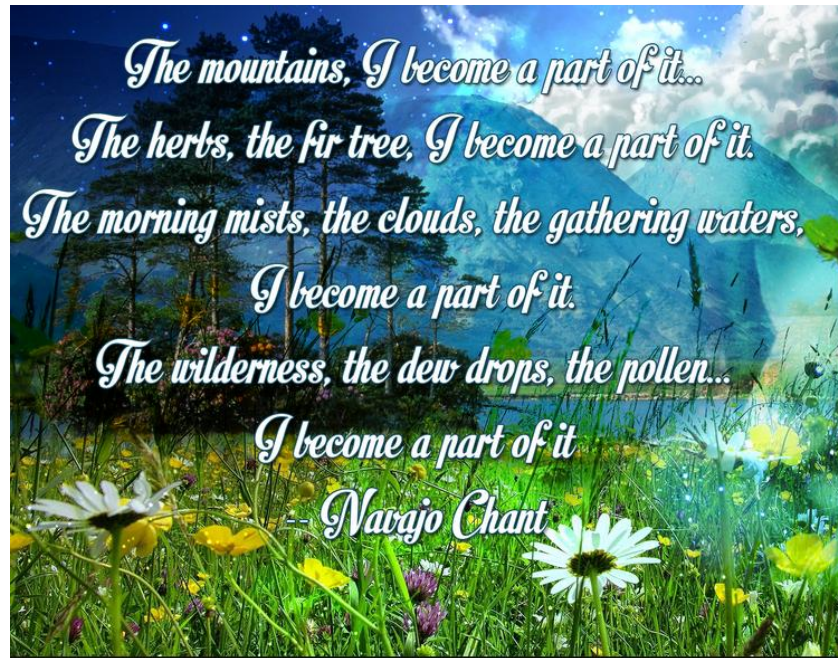


## Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday April 28, 2025 - Proverbs 19: 21

**21 Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.**

Read Proverbs 19 for meditation and inspiration.



Thinking about Presbyterians “Caring for Creation!” let us pray with our sisters and brothers a native Mohawk Prayer:

### **Mother Earth Prayer**

Great Spirit, Creator of all, let me pray to Mother Earth who is your gift to the people. Mother Earth, hear your child, As I sit here on your lap of grass, I listen to the echoes of your voice in my brother, the Wind, as he blows from all corners and directions. The soft and gentle raindrops are the Tears you cry for your children.

Teach me the Lessons you offer: To nurture my children, as you nurture yours, to learn the Lessons of the Four Kingdoms, that make up this World of Physical Things, and o earn to walk the Path chosen so long ago.

Mother Earth, hear your child. Be a bond between the Worlds of Earth and Spirit. Let the Winds echo the Knowledge of the Grandfathers.

Who await, unseen, yet visible, if I only turn my eyes to their World.

Let me hear their Voices, in the Winds that Blow to the East.

From the East: I seek the Lessons of Childhood: To see with the trusting innocence of a small one, The Lessons of Spirit, Given in Love by our Creator.

From the South: to Learn the Ways of Questioning: The Fire and Independence of adolescence, The Truths, and how they help us Grow along this Path.

From the West: where the Grandfathers teach us Acceptance of Responsibility That come during the years of Marriage and Family: That my own children grow Strong, and True.

From the North: where the Elders, who by their long lives Have learned and stored Wisdom and Knowledge and Learned to Walk in Balance and Harmony with our Mother, the Earth.

Mother Earth, hear your child. Hold my hand as I Walk my Path in this World. Guide me to the Lessons I seek, bring me closer to Our Creator, Until I return to the Western Direction, to once again Enter the World of Spirit, Where the Sacred Fire Awaits, and I rejoin the Council of the Elders, In the Presence of the One Who-Created-All.  
by— KiiskeeN'tum- She Who Remembers

Remember Genesis 1:31 “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.” And to that first human, “Genesis 1:29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

Caring for Creation with you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Roger'.

Roger