

Prayer to the Four Directions

East

O great and wonderful Creator, you give us the sun to light our day and warm us. Help us to remember, as Blessed Kateri did, that even though she lived with the darkness of smallpox her entire life, you became the one true light of her life. Allow us to be a people who walk always in your light. We pray to you, O God. Amen.

South

O great and wonderful Creator, as we face the south, we thank you for our own childhood. Help us to remember that just like Blessed Kateri, we are never too young to hear your words and take them into our hearts. May we listen carefully to your words of comfort and wisdom. We pray to you, O God. Amen.

West

O great and wonderful Creator, as we face the west, we thank you for the dreams you have given us in our own lives and for the dream Jesus gave us of his Kingdom. Help us to remember that like Blessed Kateri, we too must be willing to sacrifice and face prejudice for the dream of the Kingdom. Give us the courage of Blessed Kateri to be faithful to that dream. We pray to you, O God. Amen.

North

O great and wonderful Creator, as we face the north, we pray to have the wisdom and courage of Blessed Kateri when we too face the cold winds of winter in our lives. May we always embrace your cross and know that you are our true home. May we too become examples of faith to others by the kind of life we live. We pray to you, O God. Amen.