



PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE NATION'S PRIMATES

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This is a day of HOPE. At this moment in time, we are one with our friends across the country, who are hearing or reading these words onsite and online, uniting with them in shared vision and purpose --- and in oneness with all of the blessed beings --- the nation's exploited and imprisoned primates --- for whom we hold vigil. On this final day of **National Primate Liberation Week**, we come together with an extraordinary mission. A particular, heartfelt intention to renew our commitment of support for those who have no voice --- for those who look to us to speak on their behalf --- for those whose eyes touch our hearts and inspire us to be their champions --- the precious primates with whom we share our planet...the precious beings who are at risk of losing their lives at the hand of man and who are woefully deprived of the freedom that is their birthright. On this day, we raise our vision and our intention to one of HOPE for these brother and sister beings who are routinely and wantonly violated at our hand, and we hold in the light those who have been previously silenced despite the endless depths of their perseverance.

It is a time of TRUST and HOPE as we align our hearts and our thoughts with kindred spirits across the nation, standing in solidarity with them and with the imprisoned and exploited primates everywhere. We hold the vision for our collective clarity and focus so that we may hold the perfect thoughts to support them. We know for each of us, right here and now, calm hearts, clear heads and centered intention. And that we know that the unity of our thoughts emerges as one, collective, articulate voice of compassion.

On this Day of HOPE for our nation's exploited primates, we come together with a singular mission. And as we take a moment to relax and center ourselves we take in a deep breath, filling our lungs with the abundant light and beauty of the many beautiful forms of life that surround us. As we exhale, we release all the stress and tension and worry that sabotages precious space within us that could be filled, instead, with LOVE and PEACE for all life. Again, we breathe in deeply the iridescent golden light of HOPE we intend to share with our fellow animals. And as we hold it within for a moment, we imbue the air molecules with our thoughts and intentions of HOPE so that as we slowly release the air back into the whole, our released breath will carry with it our blessing of HOPE, far and wide, on the very next breeze.

And that is our inspiration for this Prayer Vigil --- HOPE. For today...and for the countless tomorrows --- may we step more fully into an uncompromised anticipation of positive outcomes --- one where we hold an elevated consciousness of TRUST and HOPE for our beloved primate animal family members, as core spiritual values.

Today, right here and right now, we hold the highest vision for every primate within our country's borders. Knowing that each and every one of them is a unique expression of the light that connects us all, we bless them and know the truth for their safety, their wholeness and their deliverance. In particular, on this day, within these moments, we hold a special vision of HOPE for...

For the over 70,000 primates who are experimented upon in medical and commercial research and product testing each year --- **8 every hour**. And for the approximate 50,000 more who are imprisoned in breeding facilities to perpetuate an ample supply of offspring upon whom the experimentation may continue.

We hold a vision of PEACE as their heart-wrenching experiences serve to slowly awaken humanity's awareness to the reality of these often medically unnecessary procedures and animal farming, both of which result in tremendous suffering for innocent creatures. May the suffering of these animals inspire us to see with new eyes.

May we support products and procedures that are not attained through cruelty, utilizing alternative methods that have been scientifically proven to be as, or more, effective and humane. And may we also envision a time where we accept the responsibility of making charitable donations only to organizations which do not engage in practices that result in experimentation on animals. We hold a vision of PEACE for all primates who are subjected to vivisection; forced to undergo indefinable tortures at the hand of man. May our species be forgiven for this greatest of transgressions to our kindred brothers and sisters.

For primates who are exploited in circuses, zoos and theme parks. We hold a vision of HOPE to bolster their endurance and their own HOPE as they are enslaved to a life not of their own choice. And we wish the same HOPE for primates who are subjected to joke and ridicule via the subservience imposed upon them by demeaning commercial advertising, movies and television appearances. May they be loved and successfully supported in their own community's respective efforts toward a peaceful and amenable resolution where all life is respected and is afforded the birthright of living, side by side, in PEACE.

For our brother and sister primates who have already had their lives tragically taken, by man's unyielding efforts to eradicate innocent members of Creation. May their deaths serve as a beacon to us to bear the mantle of responsibility to do all that we can to save the lives of those currently at risk.

And finally, ***for the humans*** who, knowingly or otherwise, perpetuate activities of wanton destruction, we embrace the highest articulation of HOPE that their hearts and minds are transformed through the inspiration of the animal teachers who gave of their very lives so that we might learn. We see the open hearts of humanity newly inspired toward true spiritual stewardship as fellow expressions of the One. And we see an expanded understanding of the intrinsic value of each and every one of life's majestic manifestations as evidenced by a newfound understanding, a deeper and richer level of tolerance toward our fellow animals --- who may not be exactly like us. We know an expanded tolerance and kindness for those in whose hands lie the care and keeping of these imprisoned souls.

We proclaim this day that those who exploit and imprison animals release all intention and surrender all plans to continue their unrepentant abuse. We affirm that those who reside outside the circle of compassion surrounding all primates, shall see through the fear that prompts their desire to needlessly destroy the Creator's innocents and we hold the vision that, through divine enlightenment, this dilemma is fully resolved --- and that our nation's primates may live in PEACE.

Beneath all outer appearances we recognize a deep sense of clarity and connection with all life. We dismiss the illusion of separation. In the heart of our hearts, we behold all expressions of life as sacred. The winged ones of the air, the finned ones of the sea, the furred and fleshed ones of the land --- and all other magnificent life forms are demonstrations of divine intelligence and we affirm here today that all be held safely in the heart of the ages. The waters of understanding and tolerance cleanse us all and elevate our understanding of primates to a higher place of compassionate acknowledgment in the eyes of the humans with whom they share this earth and, in particular, those who view them with indifference or as dispensable. We see the promise for all Earth's animals of serene and fully expressed lives, free of judgment and violence....and free to live as their fullest and most complete expression of the Divine.

(At this time, if you wish, please take a few moments to affirm your personal intention for our nation's primates)

As we conclude our Vigil, we hold the highest intention of PEACE for all species and we affirm and know for all humankind, our roles as loving protectors and guardians of all beings. We step humbly into true stewardship, knowing that we all share the experience of being living and divine expressions of life and that there is no separation among us. In this great web of life --- where what we do to one, we do to all --- we bless and acknowledge those leaders with an expanded consciousness of compassion --- who view all life as interconnected. We set an intention on this day to learn from, follow and support their example. May we, too, be inspired to honor and sustain the intention of this day of peaceful affirmation by seeking ways in which we can be of greater personal service for our nation's primates and for all animals. We claim and pronounce for ourselves, the self-awareness, enlightenment and resolve to make it so.

Today...of all days...we stand on the precipice of unprecedented change and from this vantage point, see before us a bridge of HOPE. We know that even the smallest change begins with a single thought.

Therefore, we proclaim our intention to choose thoughts of empathy and PEACE and HOPE for the primates of the United States and for all of the majestic life forms with whom we share the earth. We affirm, as we go forward in this pioneering work for animals, to choose those thoughts conscientiously and compassionately. We affirm tolerance and understanding and open-mindedness for the decision makers, stockholders, doctors and lab personnel and all others, who hold the lives of primates in their hands. Today, we conjure a new paradigm by pouring a foundation of HOPE and PEACE to support a new and emerging discipline of compassion. And from that foundation we build of a haven of PEACE and understanding for the beautiful primates with whom we share the earth.

We are so grateful this day --- grateful to stand alongside each other as pioneers of HOPE and PEACE for primates. While we may be separated by miles, the unity of our collective intention inspires and connects us. We know that every thought holds within it the power to change the world and we know this day that we have done exactly that by joining ours together to affirm PEACE and HOPE for the beloved primates and HOPE for those human decision makers who so delicately balance their fate. We also hold gratitude for the hearts and minds that are just beginning to open with a willingness to change. May they be encouraged and unfettered as they choose compassion over cruelty and may we be patient and non-judgmental in all of our interactions, knowing that our life is our message.

And as we stand in the soft glow of this deep gratitude, we release our words of PEACE and HOPE for all primates into that creative medium --- that sacred soil of life which knows only to support and protect and nurture and deliver the seeds of our thoughts. Our hearts are at PEACE within the knowing that our intention is already manifest in the world of effects and that the seeds of our thoughts of HOPE and PEACE have already blossomed by the power of our very word.

We join together to bear witness this day to the magnificence of this most exquisite garden. A garden blossoming with flowers of HOPE and PEACE --- for all primates and for those who are bound to be their champions.

Amen & Amen and So It Is!

