

ANCIENT CHEROKEE PRAYER:

CROSSLAND UTTERS, AN ANCIENT CHEROKEE PRAYER IN CHEROKEE

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This is an ancient Cherokee prayer. It is said that this prayer was given to one of the Cherokee leaders before any other groups were contacted. What we say is that when they first come to this continent and before the colonies contacted or before the Spanish Exploration that we are told the--this ancient Cherokee prayer was in effect and the Cherokees knew that there was a God and this prayer is for a warrior or head of a family or, as far as that goes, any individual. And the English interpretation goes like this:

"My God help me.  
My God help me.  
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My God help me."

This prayer may be given when everything is peaceful early in the morning just when the sun is coming up and or any other time when crises or difficulties or is confronted with a group of people or this certain individual wants to give this prayer.

(Would you say it again on tape for me, Crossland?)

The same prayer?

(Wanna be sure that I got it.)

CROSSLAND REPEATS THE PRAYER

(How do you say, "amen" in Cherokee?)

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(Now what does that mean?)

"This is all that you'll hear from me at this time." or it may be said, "This is all that you'll hear from me today." If it's in the evening you say ..... You say evening in Cherokee....., is evening. Or if you want to include--if it's in the morning you'll say.....and that means, "This morning."