



Black Elk, Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, 1948

**Servant of God**  
**Nicholas Black Elk**  
1860s-1950

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*Prayer for the Canonization of*  
**Nicholas Black Elk**



Heavenly Father, Great Spirit!

Behold us, who stand before you  
singing our song of thanksgiving for  
Servant of God, Nicholas Black Elk.

Faithfully he walked the Sacred Red Road  
and generously witnessed the Good News  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
among the Native American people.

We humbly ask you to hear the prayers  
we plead through his intercession.

We ask Holy Mother Church to recognize his  
sanctity by acknowledging his presence  
among the company of Saints  
as one to imitate in his zeal for the Gospel.

Open our hearts to also recognize the Risen  
Christ in other cultures and peoples,  
to your glory and honor.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Nicholas, Servant of God, Pray for us!*

**Diocese of Rapid City**