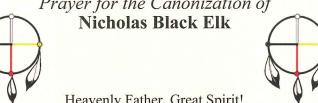


Black Elk, Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, 1948

Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk 1860s-1950

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Prayer for the Canonization of



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**