Unit 12. ciciqink • tiitiičwa • Prayer

12.1. Overview

In this unit, learners will work towards mastering the following skills.

- · to deliver five short prayers
- to memorize some short expressions that are useful in prayers and requests
- to recognize and understand more kinds of embedded clauses

Words

ciciqinkpraying	ťašiidoor, path, road
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tiitiičwa Cpraying	hupiihelping it
waykaaši%aPraise!	huḥtakknowing (how)
naasday, Creator	huuḥtakšiiḥlearning (how)
ka¼ḥakdaylight, day	huu?iiptake it back
ḥaałapi ḥawiłCreator	łałak ^w inpleading
λaḥ ʔuyinow, today	łaakłaak ^w a CTpleading
λaḥ naas?ii CTQ today	načʕaaʔatuwatch over it
ka¼ḥakʔi ʔaḥtoday	ḥaa?ak WCTQstrong
ciciqi CTlanguage	našukstrong
ciqyaklanguage	te?iłsick
ha?umštupall foods	tatiiłsick (pl)
ḥustuupseafoods	?uušýaasuffering, in trouble
ku?ałmorning	saačinkalways
tuupši%evening	taakši礼 CTQalways

Conversations

- 1A ku?ał?a%ma yaałapi ḥaweeł. Åeekoo waamaaḥ ka%hak?i ?aḥ. %ułukwe?ic ṅaas. saačinki?aała hiišił hupii—tatiił?i, ?uušyaaminḥ?i, ya?aayaqḥyuqas. Åeekoome?ic?aała čuu.*
- 2A yaałapi ḥaweeł, ἀačʕaaʔatuʔin q^waaqin huuḥtakšiiḥ. hupiiʔin huuʔiip ciqŷakukqin. čuu.*

O Creator, it is morning. Thank you for today. Your day is good. Always help everyone—the sick, those in trouble, and my relatives. Thank you, Amen.

O Creator, watch over us as we learn. Help us to take back our language. Amen.

- 3A waykaaši\(\text{\chi}\)a naas. \(\text{\chi}\)eekoome?ic?aała ?anik \(\text{\chi}\)uł?apsuk ha?uk nii\(\delta\)a. su\(\delta\)aaqsuk qaacii nii\(\delta\)a ha?um\(\text{stuup}\), \(\delta\)utuup. \(\text{\chi}\)ułuk\(\delta\)e?ic ha?um. \(\text{cuu}.*\)
- 4A łałakwinmaḥ suwa ḥaweeł hupiiquuk siya, ?anik naacsasuk ?anis wikqaas wiikšaḥi. našuksuqiapis.
 taaqsčiikukwapis tašii, ?anik suwaaqsuk našmisnak. čuu.*
- 5A tuupši?aλma yaałapi ḥaweeł. λułuk^wite?ic naas. načsaa?atu?isim we?icaλquus. cuu.*

Praise you, Creator. Thank you for letting us eat well. It is you who gives us all foods and seafoods. Your food is good. Amen.

O Creator, I am pleading with you to help me. You see that I'm not okay. Strengthen me. Give me a straight path, because you have the power. Amen.

O Creator, it is evening. Your day was good. Watch over me while I sleep. Amen.

Unlike in other units, we present here five example prayers, instead of a list of conversations. These are intended to be used in the morning, at a language class, to give thanks for food, to ask for help, and in the evening, respectively.

Some learners do not pray. Non-praying learners should treat this unit as a chance to practise making requests, as well as complex sentences like those with *hupii*, the glue word *?ani*, *?in*, and the various moods that are used in embedded clauses.