

Spirit Prayer - On Learning that the U.S. Army Abused Iraqi Prisoners

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Spirit of Truth
Be with us today.
As we wait in shame and dread,
To learn of what our country has really done.

Spirit of Humanity,
Bring us comfort.
May our tears be as the dew that glistens,
On cobwebs that shimmer in the morning breeze.

Spirit of Justice,
Help us find a way
To heal the wounds, to rebuild the holy shrines.
To make the world a safer, better place.

Spirit of Hope,
Stay with us always.
May we recognize life's blessings
Even while the storm rages.

Spirit of Love,
Warm our hearts,
With the smells of springtime.
Hold us close against the cold.