



Prayers rise from, for Earth

About 300 people of various religious and ethnic backgrounds joined hands at sunrise Saturday in Washington, D.C., to open the fifth annual Prayer Vigil for the Earth. Participants in the vigil, which was begun in 1993, pray to make the Earth well again — to cure disease, clean the rivers, make the air breathable. As part of the vigil, Jayne O'Connor of Minneapolis sprinkled a ceremonial offering of tobacco onto the fire. Previously, only American Indian traditions were used. But this time, other cultures were reflected. The vigil ends today at noon.

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