

## **The Artist's Prayer**

Creator-Father-God, lead me in your life-paths  
Show me the purity of your creations  
Let me taste life, laced with your blessings  
Reveal your glory, heart and majesty

Show me your definition of beauty and not the world's  
Reclaim the innocence and expose the lies  
I want to capture that which is raw and pure  
and display its truth for all to see

Teach me to see what others do not  
Help me portray your hidden mysteries  
To find the sparkle in the ugly-blessed  
To redefine the standard and tried methods

Restore the innocence of our garden the snake once reigned  
Protect and guard my heart-desires and ambitions  
Protect me from false-god-desires and deception  
Keep the soul of my eyes pure

Be glorified through the works of my hands, mind and heart  
Grant me favor with fellow artists and supporters  
Guard me from both the religious and worldly lies  
Give me an audience for my work to speak to

Grant me permission to follow your unusual ways  
The courage to stand against the expected norm  
Wisdom and Grace to steer clear from the traps  
Anoint me with your gifting of creativity

I glorify the Master-Artist-Messiah  
His name lifted up on high  
Proclaimed without shame  
For all to experience

Let it be so...

***Michael Hawkins, July 2003***