**Opening and closing blessings**

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|  | Use mātou | If speaking to a group |
|  | Use maua | If there are only two of you |
|  | **To Open a meeting** | |
|  | E te Kaihanga  Manaakitia tēnei hui  Arahina mātou (maua) i roto i o mātou (maua) mahi  Tihei Mauri Ora | Creator  Support us at this meeting Guide us in the work we are doing  Let there be life |
|  | **Karakia Timatanga**  Uuu…..Uuu…..!  Whakataka te hau ki te uru  Whakataka te hau ki te tonga  Kia makinakina ki uta  Kia mataratara ki tai  E hi ake ana te atakura  He tio, he huka, he hau hu  Tihei mauri ora!  Uuu…..Uuu…..! | Cease the winds from the west  Cease the winds from the south  Let the breeze blow over the land  Let the breeze blow over the sea  Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.  A touch of frost, and a promise of a glorious day.  Amen! |
|  | **To Close a meeting** | |
|  | E te Kaihanga  E whakawhetai ana mātou (maua) mo  āu manaakitanga i tēnei hui  Awhinatia mātou (maua) i tēnei rā  Tihei Mauri Ora | Creator  Thank you for your support and guidance during this meeting.  Care for us this day.  Let there be life |