

# Matariki

## Karakia

**Te Ao o te Harakeke Karakia**

Ko Io-matua-kore

Ko Whaea rikoriko

Ko Rangi-nui

Ko Papatūānuku

Ko Tāne

Ko Pakoti

Ko te Harakeke

Ko te Kōrari

Ngā Taonga whakarere iho

O te Rangi

O te Whenua

O ngā Tūpuna

Homai hei oranga mō tātou

Tihei Mauri Ora!

**Prayer for matters related to flax**

Treasures handed down

By the Heavens

By the Earth

By the Ancestors

As sustenance for us

The first breath of life!

This karakia acknowledges the whakapapa of the harakeke and is used before harvesting harakeke.