

Prayer for Unity

Creator God,
May the power of
Your grace transform us;

Christ give us courage and hope
To manifest the unity we have in you,
And to share our life with each other and the
world;

Holy Spirit, empower us to work for justice
for people and the earth.

God in your grace, transform the world.
Amen

Prayer for the Journey of Healing

Almighty and loving God, you who created
ALL people in your image, lead us to seek your
compassion as we listen to the stories of our
past.

You gave your only Son, Jesus, who died and
rose again so that sins will be forgiven.
We place before you the pain and anguish of
dispossession of land, language, lore, culture
and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander peoples have experienced.

We live in faith that all people will rise from the
depths of despair and hopelessness.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families
have endured the pain and loss of loved ones,
through the separation of children from their
families.

We are sorry and ask Your forgiveness.

Touch the hearts of the broken, homeless and
inflicted and heal their spirits.

In your mercy and compassion walk with us as
we continue our journey of healing to create a
future that is just and equitable.
Lord, you are our hope. Amen.

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A Time to Reflect

Saturday 26 May

*National Sorry Day— pray for the Stolen Generation and their
families*

Week of Prayer for Reconciliation

Sunday 27 May—Pentecost Sunday

*1967 Referendum Day. Pray for the process of Constitutional
Recognition*

Monday 28 May

*Pray for current Leaders and those who have gone before in this
country working for the recognition of the rights of Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander people.*

Tuesday 29 May

*Pray for the importance of ensuring that the next generation learns
the language of their ancestors*

Wednesday 30 May

*Pray for the need for Government policy that respects the rights of
Indigenous people*

Thursday 31 May

*Pray for ways that aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
can be valued by all Australians.*

Friday 01 June

Pray for unity for all Australians in the Spirit of Christ

Saturday 02 June

*Pray for a willingness to hear the story of our neighbour and to
value their experience of history*

Sunday 03 June—Trinity Sunday

*Mabo Day - 20th Anniversary of the High Court Decision in
Mabo Case. Pray for Justice and a commitment to reconciliation.*



The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical
Commission (NATSIEC) of the National Council of Churches in
Australia (NCCA) is the peak ecumenical Indigenous body in
Australia. With NATSIEC's guidance, the churches are working
together for a fair deal for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Australians, and for the healing of our nation.



Week of Prayer for Reconciliation

PRAYING IN
SOLIDARITY
WITH ABORIGINAL
+
TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDERS

26 May— 03 June 2012

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Sorry Day Prayer

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Gathering Prayer

God of Love,
You are the Creator of this land
and of all good things.
Our hope is in you
because you gave your Son Jesus
to reconcile the world to you.
We pray for your strength and grace
to forgive, accept and love one another,
as you love us
and forgive and accept us
in the sacrifice of your Son.

*(prepared by Wontulp Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working
Group) NATSICC 2003*

Reconciliation Prayer

Holy Father, God of Love
You are the Creator of this land and all good things

We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history
And the suffering of our peoples.
And we ask your forgiveness.
We thank you for
the survival of Indigenous cultures

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We pray for your strength and grace to forgive,
Accept and love one another,
As you love us and forgive and accept us
In the sacrifice of your Son.

Give us the courage to
accept the realities of our history
So that we may build a better future for our nation.
Teach us to respect all cultures.
Teach us to care for our land and waters.
Help us to share justly
the resources of this land.
Help us to bring about spiritual and social change
To improve the quality of life
for all groups in our communities,
Especially the disadvantaged.
Help our young people to find true dignity
and self esteem by your Spirit

May your power and love be the foundations
on which we build our families,
our communities and our Nation.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

*(Wontulp Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group 13
March 1997 Brisbane, Qld.*

Prayer for this Land Australia

Creator God,
We pray for this land, our culture, our customs,
our languages, our people and our nation.
Gather us together to look after for this land,
so that the beauty of our mother earth
may be preserved for all future generations.

Jesus our brother, give us your grace,
To be united in one mind, one heart, and in one
action so that we can continue the journey of
reconciliation,
to solve the divisions of our growth
and enable all Australians to work together
in love, peace and joy.

We ask you God the Holy Spirit,
Overshadow us with your presence
Especially this our nation.
We ask you to guide all people whether black, white
or yellow so we can truly learn and have better
understanding in the knowledge of language and
culture of this land Australia Amen

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Companion Prayer

Lord, we are companions on a journey
Only you Dear Lord
know the identity and depth of me
You know my hurts and pains
those frustrations I feel in this land
So please, I ask you take my hand
and comfort me
Reconcile and guide me in justice and in faith
For we're on our way to Alice (Springs)
where you expressed your love for me
Lord, set me free
and let me be the servant I want to be
Lord, I thank you
for hearing and understanding me
For Lord, You are always on my mind
and on my lips and in my heart
And there's simply no other way
that it could be.

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