



Prayers of Intercession for NAIDOC Week

1. **For the needs of the Church:**

For Pope Leo XIV, our Bishops, Clergy and all who serve your people; Help guide Church leaders to grow ever more faithful, more just, and more alive with your Spirit by listening with open hearts and minds to the voices of our First Nation Peoples, especially the vision of the young and the wisdom of the Elders.

Let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. **For those who serve in positions of leadership:**

May they govern with courage, humility, and deep respect for every culture and all of God's creation and make informed decisions that will bear fruit not just today, but for generations to come

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3. **For those whose strength is challenged or failing:**

Help us be the healing hands and feet of Christ, walking gently beside them, offering hope where there is hurt, and light where there is fear.

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All: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. **For communities across Australia and around the world:**

That we may grow like the mighty tree — roots deep in faith, branches wide in welcome, sheltering all with strength, vision, and hope.

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All: Lord, hear our prayer.

5. **We pray for all those who have fallen asleep in the Great Dreaming of our Creator Spirit:**

May their spirit rest in the embrace of your eternal love and peace.

Let us pray to the Lord All: Lord, hear our prayer.

6. **Acknowledging First Nations Peoples:**

We give thanks for the wisdom and deep connection to the land that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have carried for generations. We pray that we may learn from their stories, their culture, and their rich understanding of this country.

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7. Praying for Forgiveness and Healing:

"Loving God, we acknowledge the pain and suffering caused by past injustices towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We ask for your forgiveness and the forgiveness of those who have been hurt. May this NAIDOC Week be a time of healing and reconciliation."

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8. Seeking Wisdom for Unity and Respect:

"Gracious God, we pray for the strength to listen with open hearts and minds to the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Help us to walk together in unity, respect, and a shared commitment to justice and equality."

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9. Celebrating Culture and Achievements:

"We give thanks for the vibrant cultures, languages, and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. May their stories be shared, their voices be heard, and their achievements be celebrated throughout this NAIDOC Week and beyond."

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10. Praying for a Just Future:

We pray for a future where all people in Australia can live with dignity, respect, and justice. May we walk together with open hearts, acknowledging our shared history and the truths that have shaped our nation.

May we work with courage and compassion to build a country where the rights and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are honoured, upheld, and celebrated.

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