



Prayers of the Faithful - National Sorry Day

Leader: Let us turn to God in prayer for what we need to be true followers of Jesus

1. **God of justice**, we pray that all Australians recognise the hurts of the past that have been inflicted on our Indigenous brothers and sisters. May we learn from our mistakes and act with justice and compassion as we work towards equality and justice for all people.

For this we pray.... **ALL:** In unity, God hear our prayer.

2. **God of comfort**, we pray for reconciliation and compassion and the grace to move forward together in peace.

For this we pray.... **ALL:** In unity, God hear our prayer.

3. **God of fairness**, we pray that Australians act with fairness and justice towards Indigenous Australians. May we bring comfort to those who are suffering and healing love to those whose lives have been shattered broken.

For this we pray.... **ALL:** In unity, God hear our prayer.

4. **God of community**, we pray for the human community: that we will continue to nurture our relationships with you, our Creator God, with one another and with all creation.

For this we pray.... **ALL:** In unity, God hear our prayer.

5. **God of reconciliation and mercy**, we pray for ourselves as followers of Jesus: that we will build reconciling and inclusive communities to which people are drawn and have a strong sense of belonging.

For this we pray.... **ALL:** In unity, God hear our prayer.

6. **God of the marginalised**, we pray for all Christians: that we will cultivate a deep awareness of, and commitment to, social justice and social welfare by hearing and answering the cry of the poor and outcast in our local communities.

For this we pray.... **ALL:** In unity, God hear our prayer.

- 7. Loving God**, we pray for Indigenous peoples, the traditional custodians of this land, and thank them for caring for your precious creation. May we learn from their wisdom, working towards a sustainable future where the land is nurtured, respected and shared by all.

For this we pray.... **ALL:** In unity, God hear our prayer.

- 8. Loving God**, we pray for the whole Australian community, that National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week will promote mutual respect between the First Nations and settler peoples of the land.

For this we pray.... **ALL:** In unity, God hear our prayer.

- 9. Loving God**, give us the courage to acknowledge the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our nation.

For this we pray.... **ALL:** In unity, God hear our prayer.

- 10. God of love and justice**, we pray for Reconciliation: that the wrongs of the past may be recognised, that our awareness of the journey so far be awakened and that the Spirit moves us to walk the talk and follow through what has been started.

For this we pray.... **ALL:** In unity, God hear our prayer.

- 11. God of love and justice**, we pray for our land Australia that all who live here never lose the ancient connection to its first people.

For this we pray.... **ALL:** In unity, God hear our prayer.

- 12. God of love and justice**, we acknowledge the pain and suffering caused by the injustices of the past, particularly the Stolen Generations. We humbly ask your forgiveness for the wrongs that have been inflicted upon Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

For this we pray.... **ALL:** In unity, God hear our prayer.

- 13. God of Love and justice**, You are the creator of this land and of all good things. We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the suffering of our peoples – especially the grief of those who were taken as children from their homes and families, taken from all they knew and loved. We ask your forgiveness.

For this we pray.... **ALL:** In unity, God hear our prayer.

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