

RECONCILIATION PRAYER – Let us together say....

Holy Father, God of Love,
You are the Creator of this land and of all good things.
We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history
and the sufferings of our peoples,
and we ask your forgiveness.
We thank you for the survival of indigenous cultures.
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.
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 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

[Source: Wontulp-Bi-Buya, Indigenous Theology Working Group, 13 March 1997]

THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA.

God of holy Dreaming, Great Creator Spirit,
From the dawn of creation you have given your children
The good things of Mother Earth.
You spoke and the gum tree grew.
In the vast desert and dense forest, and in cities at the water's edge,
Creation sings your praise.
Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of our Land.
When Jesus hung on the tree
You heard the cries of all your people
And became one with the wounded ones:
The convicts, the hunted, and the dispossessed.
The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew,
And bathed it in glorious hope.
In Jesus we have been reconciled to you,
To each other and to your whole creation.
Lead us on, Great Spirit,
As we gather from the four corners of the earth;
Enable us to walk together in trust
From the hurt of the past
Into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(Australian Prayer Book page 218: Written by Lenore Parker NATSIAC delegate for Grafton Diocese)

A COLLECT OF RECONCILIATION

Lord God, bring us together as one,
Reconciled with you and reconciled with each other.
You made us in your likeness,
You gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.
He has given us forgiveness from sin.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
Different culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ,
Together as your body, your church, your people,
Lord God, bring us together as one,
Reconciled, healed, forgiven,
Sharing you with others as you have called us to do.
In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. Amen.

(APB page 203. *Written by Bishop Arthur Malcolm retired chair of NATSIAC*)