



Prayers of Intercession for NAIDOC Week.

Sisters and Brothers, let us pray for the needs of our world, especially the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples during this challenging time.

We pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops and all the clergy, religious and laity. May they be faithful to Christ's teaching of truth, justice and peace. Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all ministers of the Gospel: that they may bring us to a deeper understanding of the Christian faith and a stronger love for each other. Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that we can all listen to how God is calling the Church in Australia to be Christ-centred and inclusive. Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for unity in our community and culture: that the journey towards reconciliation within the Church may encourage each and every one of us to make reconciliation our story. Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all members of our communities: that they may discover the spiritual riches of God and our First Nations cultures so they can pass these treasures on to younger generations. Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all Elders in our communities: that we may honour their lives and legacy and embrace the love and peace that they show us every day by how they live their faith. Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all young people: that they find the love and peace Christ has for them as they search for meaning in their lives. Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities and all cultural communities: that God's Spirit of reconciliation will live in their hearts and minds and help them to embrace the diversity that makes for a richer country and stronger Church. Lord, hear us. All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Lord of heaven and earth, gathered in faith and in response to your Word, we ask you to accept the prayers we make, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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