

National Council of Churches of Australia (NCCA)

Call for Further Prayer and Fasting, September 26-27, 2020

On this weekend, the NCCA are calling people to pray and fast for the nation.

You can learn more about this and the [National Solemn Assembly](#) of indigenous Christian elders [here](#).

Prayer petitions you might like to add to your prayers on this weekend:

- Lord, we pray that you will renew our nations, granting us times of refreshing and healing of our land, and ask that you reveal your love to all the people of Australia and New Zealand.
- Creator God, make us mindful custodians of this land and which we share, and help each of us to work to look after our environment. Give us your wisdom as we seek to make better decisions for the planet. Guide our steps so that we can journey together with our First Nations peoples, listening and learning from each other in these matters.
- Father God, we seek your forgiveness for the times we have failed to acknowledge and respect our First Nations people. Cleanse us of bitterness, racism, and the temptation to ignore the suffering of others. Help us to seek justice and equality for all of your children.
- Healing God, we cry out for relief for all people groaning under the weight of this pandemic. Be with those who are sick, with those who mourn, and with all those who care for and protect our people in this trying time. We thank you for scientists and doctors striving to find vaccines and treatments. Lord God, please bring an end to this pandemic.
- Lord our comforter, strengthen the resolve of all those who are faced with increased vulnerability through the loss of employment and the increased pressures of living in communities facing impacts of the restrictions on the freedom of socialization. Give our government leaders and our decision-makers insight and wisdom as they wrestle to keep all our communities safe.