



Day 3 ... National Reconciliation Week of Prayer

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) started out as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. In 1996, this became known as National Reconciliation Week.

The NRW 2021 theme: **More than just a word. Reconciliation takes action.**

Let our prayer for day 3 of this NRW be for true Reconciliation between First Australians and others, as we respond to the reconciliation we have with our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us meditate on the following words ...

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Dear God,

**We who have come from every land give thanks for
our country Australia.**

**This earth that feeds us,
The shores that bind us,
The skies that envelop our freedom,
We give our thanks and praise.**

**Let us look back with courage;
See the truth and speak it.**

**Let us look around with compassion;
See the cost and share it.**

**Let us look forward with hope;
See what can be and create it.**

Amen!

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