



Day 5 ... National Reconciliation Week of Prayer

National Reconciliation Week ([NRW](#)) first started 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.**

On Day 5 of NRW let us meditate on God's compelling call for putting Reconciliation into immediate action!

Monday May 31 | A Prayer for Reconciliation

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Lord God, bring us together as one,
Reconciled with you and 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 in 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.

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