



Day 7 ... 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.**

This is day 7 of NRW, a time of thanksgiving and praise for God's creation and saving grace.

Wednesday June 2 | A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev'd Lenore Parker, Tear Australia Reconciliation Action Kit, pg 9

A Prayer Book for Australia 1999.

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 your wounded ones: the convicts, the hunted, 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 and shame of the past into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ.

Amen

National Reconciliation Week | May 27 – June 3

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