



Day 4 ... National Reconciliation Week of Prayer

National Reconciliation Week ([NRW](#)) 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, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia's first National Reconciliation Week.

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

True Reconciliation can only exist when our actions seek unity in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. On day 4 of NRW we pray for Unity in the Trinity.

Sunday May 30 | Gathering Prayer for Unity in the Trinity

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**God the Father, God the Son
and God the Holy Spirit**

**By the Reconciling power of your love,
you call us into the Unity of Grace.**

Through our many differences:

Differences of gender

Differences of age

Differences of nationalities

Differences of states

Differences of professions

Differences of Christian expression

We gather in your name:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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The above prayer is from TearAustralia's [Reconciliation Action Kit](#), and [Reconciliation Liturgy](#) (developed by the Rev Sally Apolis, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 2008, Port Melbourne, Vic).

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