

Reconciliation Prayer



Artwork by Melissa Bricknell "Footprints Gathering 2009"

Jesus' love is true Reconciliation

Lord, we felt your love as you recognised the Aboriginal faces amongst the crowd when thousands walked across that bridge so long ago.

You know that for many years the Aboriginal People have searched for their rightful place in Australian society through their sadness, their displacement and all their truth telling.

They are a People seeking sanctuary within the Catholic Church with pride, without prejudice and with heartfelt welcome.

They offer you their pride, their colours and their celebrations which are their Peoples' contribution to this Golden Nation.

This is still their Sacred Land which taught them and teaches others, the struggles for justice and reconciliation which are now written in our history.

We honour their Elders as we listen to the stories they have to tell, stories which empower their children to live their dreams as they educate them well.

Help all Australians to recognise the past and share the present with them as we work for and look forward to, a better future together.

Jesus, through your love and knowledge of all Australians help us to continue this walk of faith and reconciliation together.

We ask this in your name, Jesus,
Amen.

“Reconciliation with our First Australians is an unending task for all of us. It is to be in our hearts through frequent prayer and change of attitudes. It is to be in our actions that are genuine and on-going and never forms of superficial tokenism. It is to be in our communities and families that the future will not simply re-invent the tragic mistakes of the past in new forms. Surely, this would contribute to a real reconciliation with our dear Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. May this be our prayer and hope”.

Bishop Christopher Prowse

The Victorian Aboriginal Catholic Council hope the prayer cards will be a calling to deepen ones commitment towards reconciliation and “My invitation to everyone is that in their everyday power, in the workplace, with the regular authority, with their everyday resources, turn their mind occasionally to what you could do, for the benefit of, for the Aboriginal people”.

Professor Michael McDanial Wiradjuri man and a member of the Kalari Clan in his address at the lunch of Allen Arthur Robinsons Reconciliation Action Plan 20 August 2009.

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