



Walk Together

EASTER DEVOTIONAL

**30 DAILY DEVOTIONS
FOR LENT**



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WEEK ONE

Gratitude for Our Place and Our People

Read: Psalm 24:1-2 NIV

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.”

This week go for a walk in nature.

DAILY PRAYER

Day 1

Offer thanks for God’s gifts of the Earth - water, land, sky, and animals.

Day 2

Pray for healing and protection of the Earth. For individuals, communities, and governments to work collaboratively to address environmental issues and adopt sustainable practices to ensure the well-being of the planet.

Day 3

Reflect on the interconnectedness of all creation.

Day 4

Honour your family and ancestors through prayer and remembrance. Thank God for how they have added value to your life.

Day 5

Seek guidance and wisdom from ancestral or a mentor’s teachings. If you’re not sure where to start, try our online Indigenous Reading list:
www.gmp.org.au/IMARReadingList

Day 6

Reflect on the wisdom passed down by our elders. Who are the important elders, leaders or mentors in your life? Make time to grab a coffee with them or call them for a chat.



WEEK TWO

Harmony, Healing and Wholeness

Read: Psalm 51:10 NIV

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

This week go for a walk and look within.

DAILY PRAYER

Day 1

Pray for balance and harmony within yourself and your community. Are there any points of stress? Hand them over to God.

Day 2

Reflect on Aboriginal traditional teachings about balance and respect. What does the Bible say about wholeness?

Day 3

Think further about how you can better connect with nature, fellow humans, plants and animals. It could be through journaling, drawing, talking, playing or being outside.

Day 4

Pray for physical and spiritual healing, for individuals you know and communities you are involved in.

Day 5

Reflect on the importance of spiritual disciplines and practices.

Day 6

Meditate on forgiveness and reconciliation within your own personal context.



WEEK THREE

Renewal and Connection

Read: Ephesians 4:32 NIV

“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

This week go for a walk alongside someone.

DAILY PRAYER

Day 1

Reflect on renewal, growth, the seasons and cycles of life.

Day 2

Pray for unity and connection among all peoples.

Day 3

Meditate on the resilience and strength of Indigenous cultures. If you're not sure where to start, you can learn more about the history of Indigenous ministries in Churches of Christ on our website www.gmp.org.au/IMAOurHistory

Day 4

Pray for guidance and support for the next generation. Pray for culturally appropriate training opportunities, wise mentors and teachers, and for continuing growth and development of Indigenous theology.

Day 5

Reflect on God's redemption story in Australia. What do you think that means? What is your role within it?

Day 6

Meditate on the importance of connection. Who are the important people in your mob?

WEEK FOUR

Preparation and Hope

Read: Mark 4:30-32 NIV

And He said, "How shall we picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that the birds of the air can nest under its shade."

This week go for a walk with God.

DAILY PRAYER

Day 1

Prepare your heart and mind for Easter. How can you embrace the themes of hope and anticipation?

Day 2

Reflect on the Easter message. Themes include death, sacrifice, resurrection, hope, and new life. How might these be understood through Indigenous spirituality and values? If you're unsure where to start, watch this video of Luke 13:18-19. The reading is in the Aboriginal Noongar Language, with an English translation.

Scan the QR Code to watch the video, or download it at walkforhope.com.au



Day 3

Pray for many of the Indigenous individuals and communities who felt hurt and pain after the recent referendum.

Day 4

Meditate on God's resurrection power bringing his kingdom closer.

Day 5

Pray for the many people who have sowed and continue to sow seeds into Indigenous ministry here in Australia. Pray that we will see the fruit of their labour resulting in reconciliation for the nation.

Day 6

Today, we can celebrate that God's resurrection power continues to bring his kingdom closer. Thank God for new beginnings and the interconnectedness of all life within him.

A Prayer for Lent



Creator God, creator of all things,

As we enter this sacred time of Lent, we turn our hearts to you in humility and reverence.

We seek your guidance on this journey of reflection, as we read the scriptures and walk in the footsteps of our ancestors.

Grant us the wisdom to understand your teachings, and the strength to live in harmony and connection with all your creation.

In this season of fasting and prayer, help us to recognise the beauty in simplicity.

Teach us to be mindful of our actions and words and lead us to walk gently upon the earth.

As we contemplate our shortcomings and faults, may your grace bring healing to our communities. Let forgiveness flow like the rivers, and reconciliation bloom like the wildflowers in spring.

We have begun our walking together in hope for a reconciled nation. This Easter, we are reminded that even through death, your resurrection power continues to bring your kingdom closer.

Let your Spirit, instil in us a spirit of generosity, that we may share our blessings with those in need. Help us to walk alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to create spaces that allow them to develop and share their gifts with their communities and this nation.

Help to nourish the seeds of ministry to grow and spread the kingdom of God through reconciliation here in Australia. Thank you that through Jesus' sacrifice, you have reconciled us.

Guide us to honour and respect all living beings, and to be good stewards of the land and resources entrusted to us.

As we journey through these days of reflection, may our hearts be open to your presence, and may your love and peace dwell within us.

Guide us toward a renewed spirit and a deeper connection with you.

In the name of the Great Creator, we pray.

Amen.