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Reconciliation Week Prayer

Beloved Father,

We pray to you acknowledging you as “Our Father” and as the Father of all families and people groups.

We thank you for the diversity in your creation, the beautiful variety in all you have made.

We acknowledge we often don’t appreciate your creative intent for us to live in harmony and to celebrate the diversity of all you have made.

As Australians we have a rich mixture of peoples, and with that a history of injustice, misunderstanding and even hatred.

We pray that you would give non-Indigenous Australians the grace for repentance. That we would come to a national consensus that the injustices perpetrated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia were sinful, unjustifiable and must stop. We pray for true repentance and the determination to see justice truly done.

We pray for also for Australia’s Indigenous people, that you would give them the grace to truly forgive. We know it will require great courage and humility for all parties, but we also know that you have the grace to make it happen.

We pray that this would then form a strong foundation upon which a new future for Australia can be built, a future characterised by mutual love for and by all the people living in Australia.

**In Jesus’ name,
Amen**

