

NAIDOC Week 2019
Adult Resource
Resources For Parishes



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Notice for the School/Parish Newsletter

The reforms set out in the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* can be expressed in three key goals: **Voice – Treaty - Truth**. Naidoc Week 2019 takes inspiration from these three aims which represent the hopes and dreams of First Nations Australians. This week, let us remember in our thoughts and prayers the Indigenous peoples of our region.

Opening Prayer for any Staff or Parish Meetings during NAIDOC Week

Leader: Let us pray for a greater awareness of the need for reconciliation and cooperation with our Indigenous Peoples. We remember those who live and work beside us and those whom we have never met ... *(pause)* ...

All: Creator God,
You call us to listen deeply to your Word made flesh, Jesus the Christ.
With Jesus, may we walk in the ways of your truth
and learn to ponder the mysteries of your love.
Open our hearts to the wisdom and spirituality of the First Australians.
Give us a deep respect for their history
and a willingness to work together for their good
and the good of all who make Australia their home.
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord
and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful:

Presider: God of all peoples, we come before you with the prayers of our hearts.
Hear and answer us in your great mercy ...

Reader: That our eyes may be opened to the plight of our Indigenous Peoples ...
We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our hearts may break open at the sight of their suffering ...
We pray to the Lord:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our eyes may hear the cry of their children and young people ...
We pray to the Lord:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our mouth may speak strongly of justice ...
We pray to the Lord:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our feet may walk fearlessly forward in paths of reconciliation ...
We pray to the Lord:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our spirits may join with their spirits
when we reach our one true home in heaven ... We pray to the Lord:
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Lord God, Father of all, you watch over us with tender love.
Hear and answer our prayers in the name of your Beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.
All: Amen.

Blessing at the end of a Meeting:

Leader: May the God of the Dreamtime be the voice that guides us.
All: Amen.

Leader: May Jesus Christ be our treaty of Peace.
All: Amen.

Leader: May the Spirit of Truth fill our hearts with God's grace.
All: Amen.

Leader: May almighty God bless us,
Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

NOTE:

For music relevant to this theme, please visit the music of Mark and Louise Raue at
Common Good Music at <http://www.commongoodmusic.com.au/>

