

NAIDOC WEEK RESOURCES from The Rev'd Canon Aunty Di Langham

Hymn (Tune of Be Thou My Vision)

- 1 When will it be that the sorrow will end?
When will the stranger be found as a friend?
When will the stories of grief be embraced,
told by the stolen, the lost, the displaced?

- 2 When will the languages flourish again,
cultures be treasured and pride shine through pain?
When will new hearts know that love has drawn near,
banishing deafness and blindness and fear?

- 3 When will it be that the wounds will be healed,
new ways of walking together revealed?
When will the land and its peoples be one,
truth fully told and deep justice be done?

4. When will the First Peoples' voices be heard?
When will each listening conscience be stirred?
Christ in our midst, keep us turning to you
and to each other, this long journey through.

5. Now, as the First Peoples' voices are heard,
now, as each listener's conscience is stirred,
Christ in our midst, keep us turning to you
and to each other, this long journey through.

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Collect for NAIDOC week

Eternal God,
you blessed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
with wisdom to live in this land and care for it:
bless Australia's First Peoples again today
with pride in their languages, stories and songs;
and give grace to all of us
to share culture, faith and hope together
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Preface for Communion

Creator Spirit, God of Holy Dreaming,
from the dawn of creation you have given your children
the good things of Mother Earth.
You spoke and the gum tree grew.
In the vast desert and dense forest
and in cities at the water's edge,
Creation sings your praise.
Your presence endures
as the rock at the heart of our Land.
When Jesus hung on the tree
you heard the cries of all people
And became one with the wounded ones:
The convicts, the hunted, and the dispossessed.
The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew,
and bathed it in glorious hope.
In Jesus we have been reconciled to you
to each other and to your whole creation
Lead us on, Great Spirit,
as we gather from the four corners of the earth;
Enable us to walk together in trust
from the hurt and shame of the past
Into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen
Written by Rev Canon Lenore Parker.



NAIDOC 2024 theme is
Keep The Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud.

Litany

In our sorrow as the First Peoples of this land,
 On whose dispossession others' prosperity has been built, we pray:

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

In our grief for the our languages lost, cultures despised and families
 fragmented, we pray

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

We pray for solutions to the continuing indigenous disadvantage in health,
 education, employment and housing, we pray;

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

In our yearning for true reconciliation and grace to walk together in a just future, we pray:

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

In our hunger for strength to make difficult changes of attitude and behaviour in our communities, we pray

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

God of Holy Dreaming,

Bring all Australians together as one and heal the wounds of our past.

Keep our Fire Burning and make us Blak, Loud and Proud.

Amen

Fire Blessing

May the fire be in our thoughts

Making them true, good and just. May it protect us from the evil one.

May the fire be in our eyes:

May it open our eyes and share what is good in life

We ask that the fire protect us from what is not rightfully ours.

May the fire be on our lips

So that we may speak the truth in kindness

May the fire be in our ears

We pray that we may hear with deep, deep listening so that we may hear the flow of water, and of all creation and the dreaming. May we be protected from gossip and from things that harm and break us.

With reverence and care; so that we may walk in the ways of goodness and truth and be protected from walking away from what is truth.

May the fire be in our arms and hands

So that we may be of service and build up love. May the fire protect us from all violence.

May the fire be in our whole being

In our legs and in our feet, enable us to walk the earth. (Written by Burnum Burnum)

- Red Black Yellow ribbons on altar.
- Aboriginal cloths on altar
- Gum leaves or branches around altar. (.....the leaves of the tree will be the healing of the Nations)

Morning tea of dampers and Cocky's Joy (Golden Syrup)