

Additional Resources for the National Aboriginal Day of Prayer

An Opening Prayer

Creator God, Holy One, God of all people, hear our prayer.
Give your blessing today to all Aboriginal peoples of this land.
Guide us and give us strength as we seek to walk together.
Comfort and renew our men and women in times of sorrow and despair.
Grant your grace and healing on all of us, your sons and daughters.

Hear our prayer for those who gather here today to seek reconciliation between the original peoples of this land and the newcomers.
Give to all a sense of justice, give us an awareness of new beginnings.
Thank you, Redeeming One, that you promise us your fresh new start each day and each new year.
Guide us, God, so that ancient wrongs may be redressed, broken promises forgiven, and a new covenant forged.
Open our minds, our mouths, our hearts, our whole beings to your healing presence, as we seek ways to walk together.
We pray for wisdom for our leaders, our elders, and ourselves.

Our God and Creator, Great Spirit, listen to our prayer.
Walk with us, and guide us as we walk with one another.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

An Opening Prayer for Purity

Creator God, cleanse our hearts of all stain from sin and brokenness, that we may walk with you along the good road, your holy way.
Purify our minds, that we may be guided by your holy word.
Clear our eyes, that we may see the goodness you have created.
Open our ears that we may hear your voice.
Make our souls one with yours,
that we may worship you in spirit and in truth,
and love you with all our hearts, minds, bodies and souls.
May our hearts always beat as one with yours,
through your Great Messenger, your Son, Jesus. Amen.

A Collect for Healing

Creator God, your mercy calls us to reconciliation and healing,
May we look up to see we are standing at your gates;
And at your gates everyone is welcome. May we seek all good.
Be with us, each one, as we go out to work this week.
Help us to grow in our hearts and in our minds.
Sharing the gift of love you have brought in your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

A Litany of Reconciliation by Aboriginal Peoples of Canada

Creator, we long for wholeness in our church. For honest, open communications.
To say what we need to say, in safety and without fear.

Refrain : Hear our Prayer, O God, and in your love, answer.

Creator, help us to stay close, to never let go of one another, in joy as well as in pain. To embrace, to feel the physical presence of one another, and to be truly present, one to another.

Refrain : Hear our Prayer, O God, and in your love, answer.

We pray for our brothers and sisters within the Anglican Communion, especially for Hear our Prayer, O God,

Refrain : and in your love, answer.

Creator, we need to feel connected to our families, and to the church family. To learn and to grow. To be part of a web of relationships. To pass on values, love and a sense of closeness. To be part of an inner circle of safety. To spiral out to an open circle that welcomes others in.

Refrain : Hear our Prayer, O God, and in your love, answer.

We pray for the needs of this congregation , especially for the sick for those who have died.....
Hear our Prayer O God.

Refrain : and in your love, answer.

Creator, we long for a gentle time of warmth and wholeness. For time and energy to nourish relationships. For honest sharing out of genuine love for all members of the church community.

Refrain : Hear our Prayer, O God, and in your love, answer.

Creator, we long to dance. To move into the centre of the circle. To touch and grow together in community into completeness.

Refrain : Hear our Prayer, O God, and in your love, answer.