

**We acknowledge the Bunurong people and all of the Kulin Nation who are the traditional custodians of the land and pay respect of the Elders past and present.**

## **Prayer for Australia**

**Bless, O God, our country of Australia and all its inhabitants.**

**Let us have dreams in this land of long dreams.  
Let the hot winds of the desert fire our imagination.  
Let the red soil of the plains keep us rooted to the things that matter.**

**Let the deep waters of our oceans  
flow into our hearts giving us depth  
and understanding.**

**May your spirit vitalise this great land  
and enter into the hearts of our leaders.  
Guide them with wisdom and compassion.**

**Lord God, may your spirit and your promise be  
with them and us always.**