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NATIONAL SORRY DAY – 26 MAY

The first National Sorry Day was held on May 26, 1998, which was one year after the tabling of a report about the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families. The report, known as *Bringing Them Home*, acknowledged that Indigenous children were forcibly separated from their families and communities since the early days of European occupation in Australia. Governments and missionaries were responsible for this forced separation.

Prayer of the Aboriginal People

Father of all,
you gave us the Dreaming
You have spoken to us
through our beliefs
You then made your love clear
to us in the person of Jesus
We thank you for your care
You own us
You are our hope
Make us strong as we face
the problems of change

We ask you to help the people of Australia
to listen to us and respect our culture

Make the knowledge of you
grow strong in all people
So that you can be at home in us
and we can make a home
for everyone in our land.

Amen.

*Prayer composed for the meeting between
Pope John Paul II and the Aboriginal people,
in Alice Springs November 1986*

Submitted by Sabina Van Rooy

Today's Gospel John 17: 1-11

SING TO GOD, O KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH.
PSALM 67:33



St Mary of the Cross

*God of vision, we thank you for
Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods
who loved this land and its peoples.*

*As we struggle to realise our hopes
for a more just country.*

*May we witness to the meaning of
fair play for people and land.*

*May we value the wisdom of
indigenous peoples.*

*May we act to halt more
damage to Earth.*

*May we live simply, love tenderly
and walk humbly.*

*We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen*

Submitted by Louise Niven

National Sorry Day 2020

Sister Margaret Keane rsj writes:

Sorry Day has become part of the calendar of commemorations that challenge us to reflect on our colonial history, as well as our present-day attitudes to our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

To read more go to:

<https://www.sosj.org.au/national-sorry-day-2020/>

See also Caritas Australia National Sorry Day -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buKFSVPAL_s