

## Prayers of the Faithful – Australia Day 2018

**Priest:** Father, on this our National Day we present our petitions to you in a spirit of gratitude and hope for this wonderful country of ours:

**Reader:** As we celebrate Australia Day, we thank God for this ancient and beautiful land and for everything that makes Australia what it is today.  
Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer

**Reader:** Loving God, on this day we acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We ask the help of the Holy Spirit as we commit ourselves to a journey together in a spirit of Reconciliation.  
Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We pray for the leaders of our Church. Strengthen them and keep them in the palm of your hand so that they may reveal the light of Christ to all Australians.  
Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We pray for those in Government and positions of authority that they shall govern our great country wisely and justly.  
Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We are a nation with a rich variety of people who have come from many places. We pray for a better understanding and respect between all peoples. In your eyes Lord we are one.  
Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We pray for all Australians, old and young alike, but we pray particularly for younger Australians upon whom the future of our country largely rests. May the Spirit of the Lord inspire them to have the values of Christ so they may become a generation of people of goodwill.  
Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord hear our prayer.

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**Reader:** We remember the people of India on its National Day. May God bless this country so rich in history and culture. We pray particularly for Fr Manoj and Fr Thomas and give thanks for bringing them to our community.  
Lord Hear Us

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Priest:** Heavenly Father, we ask that you look kindly on our petitions, hear our prayers and bless Australia. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** Amen