

Prayers of the Faithful
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th and 27th January 2019

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:

1. 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
2. For our nation on this Australia Day weekend. May we renew our determination to work together for justice, reconciliation and the common good.
LORD HEAR US
3. For our indigenous brothers and sisters, the first peoples of Australia: May we have the grace to listen to their stories, understand their mourning, and walk gently with them on this ancient land.
LORD HEAR US
4. For country communities suffering from oppressive heat and shortage of water. May every effort be made to provide them with the resources they need to manage.
LORD HEAR US
5. We remember the people of India on its Republic 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
6. Let us pray for our own special intentions. . . . (Pause)
LORD HEAR US
7. We pray for everyone who is seriously ill or injured, for those weighed down by injustice or sorrow, for all who died this week, and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time. LORD HEAR US

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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. Amen.