

## **A Prayer for Our Country**

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**God of all nations,**

**We pray for our country, Australia.**

**We give thanks for all the blessings we receive from this ancient and mysterious land.**

**We are grateful for the Indigenous people who took time over thousands of generations to learn her ways and share them with wisdom.**

**We stand humbly before the storms and fires that leave us speechless.**

**Our hopes are stirred by the millions of kind and decent people who enliven our community, seldom seeking the limelight, always responding to the needs of others, regardless of who they may be.**

**These people are our future.**

**We know that the new year finds us in a fragile place.**

**We pray earnestly for your grace to find the right direction, the one that leads to dignity and justice for us all.**

