

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.**

