

The Anglican Province of Victoria  
Liturgical Committee

## **Prayer and Intercession**

**Aboriginal Gathering**  
**Based on the Process from the *Statement of the Heart***

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*by the Archbishop of Melbourne*  
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*The following outline may be filled in as appropriate for the gathering*

### 1 Welcome (gawaymbanha)

*This resource was composed by a Wiradjuri person and uses the Wiradjuri language. When using it on country, please consult with local elders as to the appropriate language to use (for example Woi Wurrung on Wurundjeri Country).*

*A first Nations leader may say*

Gawaymbanha: You are welcome here.

'Dust off your feet.

Sit at our table.

Open your heart.

*All respond*

Gawaymbanha: **We are welcome here.**

On the lands of the Wiradjuripeople

Acknowledging their elders

Of the every'when.

Gawaymbanha: **Christ is welcome here.**

Let us gather,

Honour country

Be at home.

### 2 Song (gudhi)

*Perhaps we sing, or perhaps we listen to Aboriginal music, or sing along with those songs.*

### 3 Voice (ngiyanggarang)

*Telling story – Readings from Scripture and/or Aboriginal stories.*

### 4 Whin-nga-garra or Yarn (listen, hear, reflect)

*What we would call the Sermon, but it may take the form of a comment from each person on what they heard in the story section or whatever is appropriate.*

### 5 Treaty (ngu-ng-gi-ya-la-rra)

*What we agree on – an Affirmation of Faith.*

### 6 Truth (yaldurinya)

*Confession.*

### 7 Makaratta (murun-gi-y-ali-nya – come to life again)

*A form of absolution.*

### 8 Song (gudhi)

### 9 Eating Together (yandharra)

*Sharing food – bread and water/wine.*

### 10 Walking Away (wagirra – walk or step on ground)

*Blessing and Dismissal.*