

COMMON
GRACE



MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2021
AT 4:30PM WA, 6PM NT, 6:30PM QLD, 7PM
SA AND 7:30PM IN ACT, VIC, NSW, TAS.

You are invited by one of our most senior Aboriginal Christian Leaders, Aunty Jean Phillips, to gather together to pray in unison to #ChangeTheHeart on the evening before January 26. Tune in to this unique, national service led by Aboriginal Christian Leaders simulcast on ACCTV, commongrace.org.au, and on the radio.

How to tune in

ON YOUR TELEVISION

Foxtel Channel 182

Optus D2 D2 Satellite

FetchTV Channel 291

Android TV Get the free ACCTV App to stream the service

Chromecast from the ACCTV App on your Android mobile device

Apple TV (4th generation) Get the free ACCTV App to stream the service

ON A LAPTOP OR MOBILE DEVICE

View on [commongrace.org.au/watch](https://www.commongrace.org.au/watch)

Watch ACCTV Live via any web browser at <https://watch.acc.tv/live/videos/live>
(Create an account beforehand)

Use the ACCTV App on your Android or Apple mobile device

ON THE RADIO

94.9FM Rhema Central Coast Radio NSW

96five Family Radio Brisbane QLD

98.5 theLight Albury Wodonga NSW/VIC

98five Sonshine Perth WA

103.9 HopeFM Community Radio in Esperance WA

Vision Christian Radio

And more...visit [commongrace.org.au/radio](https://www.commongrace.org.au/radio)



Order of Service

Opening Credits

Welcome to Change The Heart - Brooke Prentis, CEO, Common Grace

Acknowledgement of Country

Uncle Johnny Huckle, Brooke Prentis, Aunty Maria Anderson-Tanner, Adam Gowen, Pastor Sharon (Sherry) Lowah, Aunty Shirli Congoo, Safina Stewart, Uncle Nelson Varcoe, Alison Overeem, Bianca Manning, Aunty Estelle Sandow, Aunty Melita Orcher, Uncle Tom Little

The Importance of Prayer - Aunty Jean Phillips

We are Gathering Together Unto Him

"We Are Gathering Together Unto Him" Performed by Royston Sagigi-Baira, Bianca Manning, Adam Niven, Josiah Niven, Stuart White Arrangement by Helen Wright

Bible Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8,9,11 - Ravina Waldren

History of January 26

Written and Spoken by Brooke Prentis, Produced by Biz Adams

The experience of Aboriginal Peoples - Aunty Jean Phillips



Order of Service continued

Aboriginal Injustices

Created, Written, and Spoken by Brooke Prentis

In order of appearance: Tina Baldini, Emily Baldini, Raymond Baldini, Sienna Baldini, Ruth Baldini, Sue Gittoes, Joseph Addo, Taryn Dawson, Liarna Gittoes, Aunty Maud Gorham, Tilara Gundy, Cheyenne Gundy, Amanda Hegarty, Shoni Johnson, Aunty Sandra King, Sono Leone, TJ Weatherall, Faylene Weatherall, Ivy Weatherall, Bianca Manning, Chelsea Rolfe, Braelyn Rolfe-Chase, Catrell Rolfe-Chase, Jalo Rolfe, Barnia Rolfe, Ann Whiting, Molly Roberts, Poppy Roberts, John Whiting, Aunty Jean Phillips

Invitation to Kneel



You are now invited to kneel in a moment of prayer

“Sister, Why Do You Weep?”

Written by Helen Wright Performed By Helen Wright, Peter Wallis feat. Lynnette Wanganeen Produced by Peter Wallis, Studio PR

Bible Reading: Matthew 25: 34-35 - The Reverend Canon Bruce Boase

#ChangeTheHeart 2021 Message - Brooke Prentis, CEO Common Grace



You are now invited to take a stand

Share your feet on country

Acknowledge Country

https://www.commongrace.org.au/tunein_acknowledge

Today, on this day of mourning, invasion and survival, I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians on whose land I stand and pay my respects to the Elders past, present, and future. I take a stand in solidarity for truth and justice and to #ChangeTheHeart of Australia. @commongraceaus #ChangeTheHeart

Order of Service continued

“Song of Freedom”

Contains photos from the 2020 #ChangeTheHeart Services

Written by Helen Wright, Performed By Helen Wright, Chris de Souza, Aaron Rathjen, Paul McCarthy, Produced by Biz Adams

The Common Grace Movement Prays

We thank the many people who are part of the Common Grace movement and recognise that together we are all praying to #ChangeTheHeart of our nation.

Words for the Church - Aunty Jean Phillips

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Written by Joseph Scriven and Charles Crozat Converse

Performed by Royston Sagigi-Baira, Bianca Manning, Adam Niven, Josiah Niven, Stuart White

Closing Blessing

Written and Spoken by Brooke Prentis



May the God of truth

*– open our ears and eyes to the wind whistling through the
Grasstrees.*

May the God of justice

*– open our minds to the flowing actions of the waters from
refreshing rain, to gentle brook, from mighty river to raging sea.*

May the God of love

– open our hearts to the beat of the Clapsticks calling us into rhythm.

Now go. . . to pursue Jesus, with truth, justice, and love.

Amen.

Join the social conversation

We'd love you to participate in the social conversation. So join us at:



facebook.com/commongraceaus



twitter.com/CommonGraceAus



instagram.com/commongraceaus

use #ChangeTheHeart and tag @commongraceaus

Share your photos and let us know who you are gathering with and where you're tuning in from! We'd also love to receive your photos on email - info@commongrace.org.au.



Where to from here?

Reflection questions from the service

Reflect on the service and what impacted you? Look through the different elements of the service and consider your thoughts, feelings and responses.

In Brooke's message she asks "How can you know if you have stayed awake? How can you tell if you are tuning in?" and she listed a few of the injustices that Aboriginal peoples experienced in 2020. On the next page is a list of other instances of Aboriginal injustices, reflect on your awareness.

Consider how you could take action for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander justice? There are ideas for action on the Common Grace website homepage.

Go outside and look up at the night sky. Consider God's wondrous creation. Consider the thousands of years Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the generations, as the world's oldest, living, continuing cultures, looking at this same sky. Perhaps share Brooke's benediction.

Spend time in prayer for healing and justice in these lands now called Australia. In the following pages is a copy of the prayer of the Common Grace movement prayed during #ChangeTheHeart, other prayers are available here: https://www.commongrace.org.au/aboriginal_prayer_resources



Tuning In?

Brooke asked - **Were you tuned in to the racism, injustice, and discrimination that happens each and every day and the poverty that exists in Australia?** How might you know if you are 'staying awake'? These are some other moments in 2020 that Brooke tuned into, how many were you aware of?

- New Closing the Gap Targets were announced but received no additional funding in the Federal Budget
- #RaiseTheAge - A call to increase criminal responsibility from 10 years of age
- Aboriginal Deaths in Custody - at least 3 deaths in 2020
- Destruction of a 46,000-year-old sacred site during National Reconciliation Wk
- The proposal from Aboriginal Senators for the flying of the Aboriginal flag voted down during NAIDOC Week with the theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be'
- Australian Netball Indigenous Round - The only Indigenous player in the league was benched and didn't get to play
- The Cashless Debit Card debates in Federal Parliament
- Drilling approved on sacred Lake Torrens Karrawirra Pari and destruction of the Djab Wurrung Directions Tree
- Strip Searches of Children (Aboriginal children 21% of searches when only 2.8% of the population)
- An incident with a 4-year-old Aboriginal girl in Port Augusta and racial profiling
- Australia asked the UN to dismiss Torres Strait Islanders claim that Climate Change affects their human rights
- Stolen Wages payment described as "*disheartening*" when 40 years of work resulted in \$12,000

The Common Grace Movement Prays

Great Creator Spirit, Lord God, Papa, Jesus,
We pray together unto you.


From nation to nation
Right across these lands now called Australia
From north, to east, to south, to west.
From coast, to forest, to desert, to city.
We are tuning in together on country.

For land and waters and sky,
For trees and plants and flowers,
For animals and fish and birds,
For hills and rocks and mountains,
For all peoples...
For country...

Jesus, we lament the injustice of the past
Jesus, we lament the ongoing injustice in the present

Jesus, we confess we have contributed to injustice
Jesus, we confess to having not loved our Aboriginal neighbour as you have
called

Jesus, we thank you for the resilience, survival, and leadership of Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander peoples
Jesus, we thank you that we have the opportunity for relationship and
friendship



The Common Grace Movement Prays cont.

Jesus, we know we must do better

Jesus, we know we must make things right

Jesus, we ask for your guidance as we seek justice in our lifetime

Jesus, we ask you

To open our eyes to see as you see

To open our ears to hear as you hear

To open our minds to truth as you know

To open our hearts to love as you love

As a movement of people pursuing Jesus and justice

We come together for the common good

We discover common ground

We share in common grace

We long to embrace unity with diversity

May the beats of many hearts create a beautiful symphony

In tune

In rhythm

With each other, with all of creation, and with Jesus,

As we pray for justice to roll like the waves of the oceans that surround these lands now called Australia

We pray to #ChangeTheHeart of Australia.

Amen.



Where to from here?

What to do on January 26th


- **Post your acknowledgement of Country on social media** using the Common Grace website tool (https://www.commongrace.org.au/tunein_acknowledge) and talk about it with whoever you meet on the day.
- Tune in to [facebook.com/commongraceaus/](https://www.facebook.com/commongraceaus/) as we launch a film clip of '**A New Day**' poetry and song by Brooke Prentis and Helen Wright
- **Stand in solidarity with Aboriginal peoples** attending rallies and events across the country. See a list of events across these lands now called Australia here - https://www.commongrace.org.au/jan26_events_2021
- **Observe 65 seconds of silence**, one second for each thousand years

Take Action for Aboriginal Justice

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody

There have been over 540 Aboriginal Deaths in Custody since 1980 - over 440 of these since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody released their report in 1991 and at least 3 deaths in 2020. This grieves the heart of God. It is important that we **learn** the names and stories, we **lament** together, we **pray** without ceasing and we **act** to see change. Find out how: https://www.commongrace.org.au/aboriginal_deaths_in_custody_resources

How to stay on the journey in 2021?

- **27 May - 3 June** - National Reconciliation Week
 - **4 - 11 July** - NAIDOC Week: Celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures all week.
 - **1 September** - National Wattle Day
 - **25 September** - Common Grace Movement Prayer Vigil to mark the anniversary of the death in custody of Wayne Fella Morrison
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How to give

Help change the heart of Australia. Donate now.

You can help pursue a world where we are led by our Aboriginal Christian Leaders to see friendship and Reconciliation in our lifetime.

By donating to #ChangeTheHeart you help acknowledge and lament the true history of these lands now called Australia.

Your donation helps empower Aboriginal Christian Leaders to lead our nation and followers of Jesus to listen deeply, advocate for truth-telling, and change the heart of Australia.

Your donation can help:

- Cover the costs for #ChangeTheHeart in 2022,
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian led initiatives and resources to be created,
- Mobilise Christians to advocate for Aboriginal justice, and
- Employ Aboriginal Christians to lead Common Grace.

How to give

You can give online at commongrace.org.au/jan26donate or via bank transfer. If making a direct debit donation please use the following details:

Account Name: Christians for Justice Ltd

BSB: 633-000

A/c: 152 835 336

Ensure your name and 'Aboriginal Justice' is written in the description field and email info@commongrace.org.au to let us know that your gift is on its way.

Common Grace relies on the generosity of individuals who give monthly and one off gifts. To become a monthly donor to help support the work of Common Grace, please visit: commongrace.org.au/donate.

Thank you

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We thank Aunty Jean Phillips for over 60 years of ministry and for calling our nation to prayer.

To all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Leaders past and present - we thank God for you. May God continue to sustain and encourage you.

Thank you to everyone who is praying and taking action for justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to #ChangeTheHeart of Australia.



About Common Grace

Common Grace is a movement of people pursuing Jesus and justice. A grassroots movement that's navigating denominational, theological, and political differences to come together for the common good, discover common ground and share in common grace.

Responding to Jesus' call to love our neighbour, members share the same goals: to listen to stories of injustice, equip individuals and communities, and mobilise Christians to undertake meaningful action to bring about change.

With a core team of thought leaders, creators and campaigners, Common Grace delivers a range of services including events, consulting, education and practical resources designed to bring Jesus and justice to the centre of everyday life. Collectively, the movement is raising a generous Christian voice in the public conversation.

Common Grace's initiatives are recognised for creating space for national truth-telling, amplifying the voices of people living injustice, and inviting people to relationship and to take action. Initiatives include Change The Heart, Aboriginal Sunday, Palm Sunday for Refugees, National Reconciliation Week, Refugee Week, NAIDOC Week, Season of Creation, and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Join the movement at www.commongrace.org.au



But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amos 5:24 NRSV



TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD

DISCOVERING COMMON GROUND

SHARING IN COMMON GRACE