

## Prayer for the beginning of worship

*This prayer was written by The Revd Bruce Boase, Diocese of Brisbane, for use at the beginning of services during Reconciliation Week. It could be used at other worship services as well.*

Dear God of all Grace, since the beginning of time many peoples have gathered on this land. Since that time many more have gathered from all parts of the world. Gracious God many times that gathering has been in a spirit of peace but also many times in a spirit of conflict and conquest. Help us to recognise the differences Lord and to restore that spirit of peace and harmony in which all people can live. Help us now Lord to gather together in prayer and praise in your Name to reach out for your peace and see your justice done. We thank you Lord for being able to gather in our diversity. In that diversity help us to reconcile ourselves to you and to each other by this coming together. Bless this time and what we do in the name of the one who knows us and brings us together Jesus Christ. AMEN.