

## **A prayer for after the Referendum**

*Uniting Church President, Rev Sharon Hollis*

God, ancient of days,  
we give you thanks  
for the ways in which First Nations people  
have cared for Country since creation  
and for their unbroken Sovereignty over their lands and waters.

We give you thanks  
for the ways in which they encountered You  
through law, custom and ceremony  
and for their particular insights into Your ways.

We give you thanks  
for the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress,  
for the ways it nurtures Indigenous spirituality  
and shares holistic ministry with First Nations People.

We pray for all First Nations People today,  
acknowledging all they endure as a result of colonisation  
and lamenting the racism and vitriol experienced across the Referendum campaign.

We pray for our nation,  
that following the Referendum we might seek unity  
in reconciliation, justice and truth telling.

We pray for our Church,  
that we might into our Covenant more fully  
and continue walking together as First and Second Peoples.

In the name of Christ, our lodestar.  
Amen.