**Prayer for the Aboriginal People**

Father of all, you gave us the Dreaming.

You have spoken to us through our beliefs.

You then made your love clear to us

in the person of Jesus.

We thank you for your care.

You own us.

You are our hope.

Make us strong as we face the problems of change.

We ask you to help the people of Australia

to listen to us and respect our culture.

Make the knowledge of you

grow strong in all people,

so that you can be at home in us

and we can make a home

for everyone in our land.

Amen.

*Prayer composed for the meeting between Pope John Paul II and the Aboriginal people, November 1986.*