

AUSTRALIA DAY PRAYERS

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God,

that as the Cross shines in our southern skies,

so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace,

transform our lives.

(New Missal)

The following were only provisionally approved for trial in 1997 and are not included in the Sacramentary for the Australia Day Mass but are lovely prayers regardless:

O God, powerful and gentle,

you love this southern land

and all its peoples, old and new.

As the Cross shines in our heavens

so may Christ bring light to our nation.

As the waves encircle our shores

so may your mercy enfold us all.

O God,

the wonders of our vast and rugged land

reflect your beauty, ever ancient, ever new.

May your blessings flow upon us

as a stream in the desert,

and may your spirit prompt us

to use your gifts for the good of all.

May God who formed our southern land be for us a rock of strength.

May God who rules our southern seas keep us safe in every storm.

May God who made our southern skies turn our darkness into light.