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Prayer for Australia Day

The lights of the Southern sky guide our paths across a country rich in natural beauty and abundance.

A land richly blessed by the torch of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander wisdom and care.

A nation graced by many cultures and the guiding flames of justice, inclusion, hospitality and freedom

On this national day may we keep the light burning brightly standing against attitudes and actions which divide, demean or exclude.

May we respect the decision of those who choose not to celebrate.

Guide us God of light on the well-lit path of acceptance and compassion.

Call to mind a person who is unable to celebrate today and pray this blessing for them.

May you always stand tall as a tree

May you be as strong as the rock Uluru,
as gentle and still as the morning mist

May you hold the warmth of the campfire in your heart

And may the Creator Spirit always walk with you

(from "An Australian Blessing" E. Pike.1997)



Pictured the Scarlet Honeyeater perched on a Grevillea