

Significant dates for First Nations People 2025



It is important for us to know as a Church what dates are important to First Nations People. Church Councils and Social Justice groups could think about how they might recognise these occasions with special worships, fundraising for causes, or times for prayer and reflection. Individually we can all pray for our First Nations brothers and sisters, perhaps by sending words of encouragement on historically significant days.

January 19	Day of Mourning (First Sunday before Invasion Day/Australia Day)	LINK
January 26	Australia Day/Invasion Day or Survival Day	LINK
February 13	National Apology Day to Stolen Generations Survivors	LINK
March 16	ATSIC Abolished	LINK
March 21	National Close the Gap Day (Third Thursday in March)	LINK
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, or 'Harmony Day'	LINK
April 15	Anniversary of Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody	LINK
May 26	National Sorry Day	LINK
May 26	Uluru Statement from the Heart	LINK
May 26	Release of the 'Bringing them Home Report' (Stolen Generation)	LINK
May 27	1967 Referendum	LINK
May 27-June 3	National Reconciliation Week	LINK
June 3	Mabo Day	LINK
June 11	Barunga Statement	LINK
June 21	Northern Territory Intervention	LINK
July 1	Coming of the Light Festival—Torres Strait Islander day	LINK
July 6-13	NAIDOC Week (First full week of July, Sunday to Sunday)	LINK
July 10	Uniting Church Covenant between First and Second Peoples, and Revised Preamble	LINK
July 9	Australian Aboriginal Flag First Flown	LINK
August 4	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day	LINK
August 9	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	LINK
August 14	Bark Petition from Yirrkala	LINK
September 5	Indigenous Literacy Day (First Wednesday of September)	LINK
October 14	2023 Referendum	LINK
October 26	Uluru Returned to Traditional Owners	LINK

