

Aboriginal Sunday 2026 Template Letter

If you are not a church leader but would like to approach your minister or church leadership to encourage them to engage with Aboriginal Sunday 2026, we have developed this template letter to help you invite them to consider hosting an Aboriginal Sunday service.

Dear <Church / Faith Community Leader's Name>,

I am writing to ask if our church might recognise Aboriginal Sunday in our service on Sunday 25 January 2026.

Each year, on the Sunday before January 26, the Common Grace movement encourages churches and faith communities to reclaim Aboriginal Sunday, first called for by Aboriginal Christian Leader William Cooper - an instrumental leader in the plight for justice, equality and full citizenship for Aboriginal peoples. Following the Day of Mourning protest in 1938, William Cooper asked Australian Churches to set aside the Sunday before January 26 as a time to pray for and stand with Aboriginal peoples in their call for justice.

I believe observing Aboriginal Sunday would be a meaningful way for our church to listen to and learn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Leaders, and to take another step in our journey of justice, healing, and reconciliation.

Common Grace provides Aboriginal Sunday Church Resources prepared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Leaders. These resources include Bible readings, prayers, a video message, and benediction materials, advocacy opportunities, and creative activities to help congregations faithfully engage with God's call to justice.

If dedicating the entire service isn't possible, our church could still take part by using some of these resources - for example, reading the prayers and benediction during worship, watching the sermon video and discussing reflection questions in Bible study and small groups during the week leading up to January 26, or hosting a short gathering outside regular service times for those who wish to participate.

You can find out more and sign up to access the resources at:
commongrace.org.au/aboriginal_sunday_2026

Thank you for considering this. I'd love the chance to talk further about how we could take part together.

With blessings,
<Your Name>