



Windrush Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we consider another Windrush anniversary,
we thank you again for the faith, determination and resilience of the Windrush Generation.

We want to celebrate the way they have helped to transform the lands in which we live for the better. We are more culturally enriched and enlightened because of this experience.

We especially think of the church and how it has been revived by the faith of those who answered the call to help rebuild this country.

The Bible talks about a 'House of Prayer for all nations', and we thank you for the diversity that now exists in many churches. This is truly reflective of God's kingdom.

However, may we never forget the racism and bigotry that these women and men experienced as they sought to make new lives for themselves.

We thank you for the courage, vision and sacrifice of those who challenged prejudice, often at great cost to themselves, and helped to usher in laws that make our lands more equitable and safer.

We pray that we can fully learn the lessons from yesteryear, and shun ideas that promote a return to the fear, hatred and bigotry of the past.

This we ask in Jesus' name.

Amen.