

## September 30, 2022 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

[The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) acknowledges and honours children and families affected by residential schools, and is an important component of the reconciliation process. It's a day of awareness in which we can help to support survivors in their healing journey.

By reaching out and engaging in meaningful conversation, and by educating ourselves about Indigenous ways of life, languages, customs and history, we can eliminate negative assumptions, biases and stereotypes we may hold, thereby becoming more understanding and compassionate in the care we provide.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9jj1xnoM5I> 11 mins Honorable Murray Sinclair

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rohcg16RdSA&t=96s> 3 mins



### Prayer for Tolerance, Forgiveness, Reconciliation

O God, Creator and Father of all,  
with humility we your children acknowledge  
the relationship of all living things.

For this we thank you, we praise you and we worship you.

We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh - our teacher, prophet and brother

- to open our hearts to all our brothers and sisters,  
and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage  
and respectfulness shown in The Sacred Teachings.

Give us the vision and honesty to recognize that  
we are all brothers and sisters of one human family,  
created and sustained by the One Creator.

As we deal with many challenges, may we never give way to fear and anger,  
which can be the source of division and threat amongst peoples.

We look to how God always gives to us, as a remedy for sins of prejudice and intolerance.

We see in God the Creator of all things, One who always provides and is generous  
- even given the abuses we have heaped on one another and on the earth.

We see in the Son, Jesus Christ - the innocent Victim  
who pours His life blood out from the Cross for all peoples.

We see how the Holy Spirit is God's gift, alive in our world today  
- inspiring vision and hope that we can have the same mind and heart of God!

May Your Spirit bless the souls who died at residential schools.

May this same Spirit also bring blessing and healing to all families and communities  
affected in any way by the schools.

O Creator, show us the way to healing,  
forgiveness and reconciliation  
and a renewed fellowship.

Amen