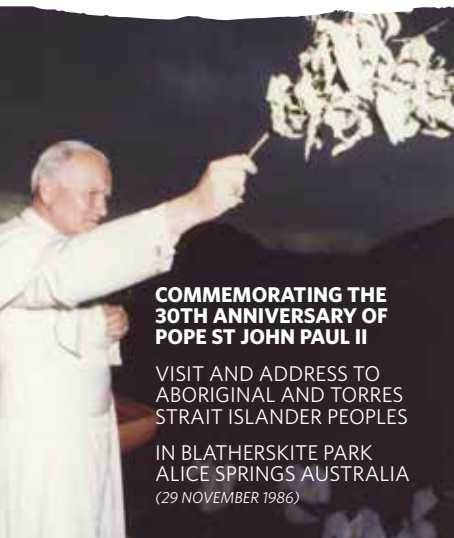


# WALK TALL

AND

# COMMAND RESPECT

“THE TIME FOR THIS  
REBIRTH IS NOW!”



**COMMEMORATING THE  
30TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
POPE ST JOHN PAUL II**

VISIT AND ADDRESS TO  
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES  
STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES

IN BLATHERSKITE PARK  
ALICE SPRINGS AUSTRALIA  
(29 NOVEMBER 1986)

# PRAYER

## OF THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

Father of all, you gave us  
the Dreaming.  
You have spoken to us  
through our beliefs.  
You then made your love  
clear to us  
in the person of Jesus.  
We thank you for your care.  
You own us.  
You are our hope.

Make us strong as we face  
the problems of change.  
We ask you to help the people  
of Australia  
to listen to us and respect  
our culture.

Make the knowledge of you  
grow strong in all people,  
so that we can make a home  
for everyone in our land.

Amen.

**Prayer composed for the meeting  
between Pope St John Paul II  
and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Peoples. November 1986**



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