



National Lament

We are a society which has forgotten how to weep

Pope Francis

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of country throughout Australia.
As you take your next step remember the first people who walked this land.

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Sydney

Our Lament

We lament the lack of compassion for people seeking asylum in Australia
We lament the denial of human dignity and freedom
We lament the indifference
We lament our inability to turn the tide

Our Challenge

"The other" is no longer a brother or sister to be loved, but simply someone who disturbs my life and my comfort...

In this globalized world, we have fallen into globalized indifference. We have become used to the suffering of others: it doesn't affect me; it doesn't concern me; it's none of my business!

Pope Francis, Lampedusa 8.7.2013

Our Prayer

We beg forgiveness for our indifference to so many of our brothers and sisters.
God, we ask your pardon for those who are complacent and closed
amid comforts which have deadened their hearts;
we beg your forgiveness for those who by their decisions on the global level
have created situations that lead to these tragedies.
Forgive us, Lord!

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For Reflection

Jesus said, "An evil spirit of this kind is only driven out by prayer and fasting"

Mark 9: 29

Our Response

- Make Friday a day of prayer and penance
- Write to your local member and to the Minister, Scott Morrison, expressing your lament for people seeking asylum in Australia