

## Australian Creed:

I believe in God the Father of all, who has given the earth to all people,  
and I believe in people as the image of God.

I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to encourage us and to heal us,  
to proclaim the peace of God to humankind.

I believe in the Spirit of God, who works in every man and woman.

I believe in the Church, moved by the Spirit to serve all people.

I believe in Australians,  
in their courage and spirit of adventure  
in their perseverance and hard work  
in their ordinariness and at-home-ness  
in their black Aboriginal beauty  
in their migrant struggles  
in their search for identity.

I believe in our responsibilities for creation:

The trust of every mountain range  
of every forest  
of every harbour  
of every city  
of every plan to build a future.

I do not believe in the right of the strongest  
nor the power of the oppressors.

I do not believe that I can fight oppression far away  
if I tolerate injustice here

I do not believe that conflict and hunger are inevitable  
and peace unattainable

I do not believe that all suffering is in vain,  
nor that dreams will remain dreams,  
nor that death is the end

But I dare to believe, always and in spite of everything, in a new humanity,  
in God's own dream of a new heaven and a new earth where justice  
will flourish and peace will reign, in our land, in our world.