

### Prayers for Bushfire Victims

Loving and merciful God, it is your face of tenderness that we seek, do not  
hide your face from us as we pray:  
for comfort for those who are sorrowing  
for hope for those who are despairing  
for rest and resilience for those who are weary.  
for compassion for those who offer care

O Lord, of the ashes, bring forth new dreams,  
Out of the blackened and scorched land bring green shoots of new life  
Out of the burnt and broken lives bring healing and restoration  
Come Lord and renew the face of the earth. AMEN

(Bronwyn Fryar)

O Lord, who cried from the Cross: my God, my God, why have you forsaken  
me,  
Look in comfort on all those whose lives have been shattered by the  
bushfires.  
As we seek to reflect your love for them may our love overflow, our  
compassion deepen and our generosity abound, so that they shall know that  
all shall be well,  
We ask this in the name of the one who draws all people to Himself, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen

(Bronwyn Fryar)