



Prayer Wall

This wall of words offers our community the opportunity to reflect and to express our sympathy and support for those individuals, families and communities who suffered such great loss in the February 7th Bushfires, 2009

Take time to reflect, take the time to write - a word or two - a cry - a prayer of sympathy - a desire for healing.

When recalling Saturday Feb 7th
one thinks of words like holocaust
because that seems to be the scale of things we're talking about here.

From our lounge rooms tongues of flame are speaking
they talk of whole towns razed,
of homes exploding, burnt out cars,
of people running, others crying, sheep and cattle dying,
a whole landscape turned to ash.

When we go outdoors we look skyward for signs of smoke,
for flames jumping high into the atmosphere,
and all the time we think of those images on our television screens
The death toll mounts and keeps on rising.

We watch from our sheltered lounge rooms
and speculate how we might feel if these were our loved ones.
And in a sense they are all our beloved.

In their final choking moments they share their humanity with us.
In the fire's roar they remind us that life is tenuous and precious,
they remind us of what really counts in all our lives - family, friends, community.
We grieve their untimely deaths and wish these insights had been more gently won.

