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BODHI DAY

I extend my warmest wishes to Australia's Buddhist community as you celebrate Bodhi Day.

On this blessed day, when Siddhartha Gautama was enlightened and became the Buddha, Buddhists reflect on the values of wisdom, peace and mindfulness that lie at the heart of their faith.

Bodhi Day offers a time for reflection and gratitude. It serves as a reminder that enlightenment is not a distant ideal reserved for a few, but a journey each of us undertake through mindful action, humility, and a commitment to alleviate the suffering of others.

In a world that can often feel hurried and divided, the Buddha's teachings - that peace begins within - offer a guiding light.

His teachings also continue to inspire acts of kindness and understanding and contribute to the harmony and mutual respect that strengthen our shared Australian community.

I wish everyone observing Bodhi Day a moment of reflection, clarity, and peace. May this day inspire renewed purpose and compassion in all.

Happy Bodhi Day.

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