# PRAYING WITH MARY MACKILLOP 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST



Sit quietly, breathe in life.

Breathe out peace.

Breathe in life. Breathe out peace.

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Gaze on this image and notice what arises in you.



Say the words below and again notice what arises in you.

"God is good." Mary MacKillop 1871

Pray your own prayer of gratitude or thanksgiving for God's goodness to you.

## In 1907 Mary wrote: "WE ARE BUT TRAVELLERS HERE".

As you gaze on the Labyrinth below take some time to reflect on your life's journey.

What have been the blessings? What have been the struggles? Where have you found God?



As you continue your life's journey, you are invited to pray the Pilgrim Prayer below.

### Mary MacKillop Prayer

God of the Pilgrim,

Mary MacKillop trusted your guidance in her journey of life
and deepened her confidence in your will.

May we renew our trust in your Providence
to lead us to hope as we bring our prayer before you.

May we grow in the fullness of your love
and the depth of your mystery.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Way,
our Truth and our Life. Amen.

Mary MacKillop was a woman of deep faith and trust. We ask her to walk with us and pray with us.

You are invited to spend some time pondering the words of Mary MacKillop, asking for the gift which you need most at this time in your life.

#### FOR THE GIFT OF GRATITUDE

"God's love is too deep for words to express." Mary MacKillop 1870

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart." Mary MacKillop 1907

See and be grateful." Mary MacKillop 1884

"Let us thank God that we are as we are. Mary MacKillop 1874

"We have much for which to be thankful." Mary MacKillop 1873

#### FOR THE GIFT OF FAITH

"Do not be afraid." Mary MacKillop 1908

"Let love guide you in all your life." Mary MacKillop 1873

"All depends on prayer. Begin with it and end with it." Mary MacKillop 1890

"All will be right with time and a little patience." Mary MacKillop 1873

"Is not God doing a great deal of what is wonderful in you?" Mary MacKillop 1869



#### FOR THE GIFT OF OPENNESS

I do want with all my heart to be what God wants me to be. Mary MacKillop 1899

Believe the whisperings of God in your heart. Mary MacKillop 1868

There where you are you will find God. Mary MacKillop 1874

Look back a little and see what our good God has done for us. Mary MacKillop 1881

#### FOR THE GIFT OF STRENGTH

In working for God we must have little trials. Mary MacKillop 1874

We must often feel weary and tired, yet God brings us through all these things. Mary MacKillop 1874

God will carry you safely through every struggle. Mary MacKillop 1870

We must take things quietly. Mary MacKillop 1875

#### FOR THE GIFT OF LOVE

Find happiness in making others happy. Mary MacKillop 1899

Be a gift of love and compassion for one another. Mary MacKillop 1899

If we have love in our hearts, we shall have God with us. Mary MacKillop 1890

Love one another and bear with one another, and let love guide you in all your life. Mary MacKillop 1909

#### MARY MACKILLOP LITANY

Lord, have mercy on us

Christ, have mercy on us

Christ, have mercy on us

Lord, have mercy on us

Lord, have mercy on us

Christ, hear us

Christ, graciously hear us

God Creator of all things have mercy on us
God the Son, Redeemer of the world have mercy on us
God the Holy Spirit have mercy on us
Holy Trinity, One God have mercy on us

Holy Mary pray for us
Saint Joseph pray for us
Saint John the Baptist pray for us

Saint Mary of the Cross pray for us
Faithful to the will of God pray for us
Trusting God's loving care pray for us
Knowing God's mercy pray for us

Responding to the Holy Spirit pray for us
Devoted to the Heart of Jesus pray for us
Accepting of the cross in life pray for us
Forgiving all who hurt you pray for us
Defending human dignity pray for us

Mary MacKillop intercede for us. On our life's journey come to our aid.

Saint Mary of the Cross pray for us
Living in simplicity pray for us
Serving the neglected ones pray for us
Teaching God's little ones pray for us
Standing with the vulnerable pray for us
Serving with compassion pray for us

Mary MacKillop give us your passion. May we respond to all those in need.

Saint Mary of the Cross journey with us Gift of God to us today journey with us Witness of the gospel journey with us Pilgrim on life's way journey with us Comfort of the sick and dying journey with us Strength for all the weary journey with us journey with us Leading by example Open to God's presence journey with us Prayerful and courageous journey with us

Mary MacKillop remind us always. We are but travellers here in this world.

Jesus, Son of the living God Lord hear our prayer

Christ hear us Christ hear us

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

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May God bless and keep you strong. *Mary MacKillop 1875*.