



**PRAYING WITH MARY MACKILLOP  
DAY ONE**

***STEP OUT IN FAITH AND TRUST.***

The country of Sidon was experiencing a drought and consequently famine. On God's word the prophet Elijah goes to the town of Zarephath and there meets a widow who is gathering sticks. He says to her, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She responds hospitably, setting off to bring him some water. He then says, 'Please also bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' To provide this food was a challenge for her and she says, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.'

She is assured by Elijah who says, 'Do not be afraid, go ahead and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and your son.'

She is called to trust the prophet's words. This she did and shared her family's meagre resources.

*Adapted from 1 Kings 17:7-16*

A prophet is one who speaks the word of God.

Who are the prophets in your life?

To what might God be calling you as you open your heart to listen?

What has been your experience of depending on God?

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

*"God is good." Mary MacKillop 1871*

*May the blessings of Elijah encourage us.  
May the blessings of Mary MacKillop fire us,  
stretching our imaginations  
to see new possibilities.  
May the blessings of our God  
surround us always.*

*Amen.*

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