



**PRAYING WITH MARY MACKILLOP
DAY THREE**

TRUST IN OUR GOOD AND PROVIDENT GOD

The gospel chosen for the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is one with which we are very familiar...the birds in the sky and the flowers in the fields. In this gospel passage Jesus speaks very directly when he says to us:

“...I am telling you not to worry...”

When we find ourselves facing such things as a serious health problem, finding or keeping a job, feeding and educating a family, living through Covid-19 and its consequences, it can seem a lot easier to say “do not worry” than it is to do this.

Take some time to listen with your heart to Jesus speaking to you as he says:

“Your heavenly Father cares for the needs of the birds in the sky....

Are you not worth much more than they are?

God clothes the flowers in the fields in beauty....

Are you not worth much more than they are?

“So, don’t worry about.....

God your heavenly Father knows all that you need.
Set your heart on God’s kingdom and all will be well.

In her life Mary faced times of worry, anxiety, grief but she was always able to place her cares in the hands of her good and provident God. There she found peace.

What do you want to place in the hands of our good and provident God?
What is the blessing you need to know that God is present with you?

Mary assures us of God’s presence with us when she says
“There where you are you will find God.” *Mary MacKillop 1871*

Take some time to ponder these words Mary.

Let us pray

Mary MacKillop walk beside me. Encourage me to take heart.
Show me how to place my cares into the hands of our “good” God,
to trust in the providence of God to provide for my needs,
and the needs of our world.

Believe me, an ever watchful providences is guiding all things to our mutual good.
Mary MacKillop 1873