

PRAYING WITH MARY MACKILLOP

CLING TO GOD

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop this year, we are aware of the many needs of our world, especially in this time of pandemic. We invite you to take some time to ponder the words of Mary below and allow them to speak to your heart.

I often love to think upon God's mysterious ways. *Mary MacKillop 1873*

We should from our hearts thank God. *Mary MacKillop 1880*

A certain sense of God's wonderful love strengthens me. *Mary MacKillop 1873*

We are all in God's hands. *Mary MacKillop 1870*

I cannot forget that there is a dear, good God watching over us. *Mary MacKillop (date unknown)*

Is there one saying that touches you particularly?

Which saying might encourage you?

Which saying might give you hope?

Which saying/s would you like to carry with you?

During the Liturgy of the Word for the
Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop we pray Psalm 63

Let us now pray this Psalm mindful that Mary is walking with us.

O Love, You are my Beloved, and I long for You, My soul thirsts for You;

All that is within me thirsts, as in a dry and barren land with no water.

So I have called out to You in my heart, sensing your power and glory.

Because your wondrous Love is Life in me, my lips will praise You.

I would radiate your Love as long as I live,

becoming a blessing to others in gratitude to You.

My soul feasts as with a magnificent banquet,

and my mouth praises You with joyful lips, when I ponder on your kindness,
and meditate on You throughout the night;

For You have been my salvation, and in the shadows of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to You, Your love upholds me.

The fears that seem to separate me from You shall be transformed and disappear;
As they are faced, each fear is diminished;
They shall be gone as in a dream when I Awaken.

My soul shall rejoice in the Beloved.

All who open their hearts to Love will live in peace and joy!

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May God bless you all and keep you in His Love. *Mary MacKillop 1894*