



*ST MARY MACKILLOP  
FEASTDAY REFLECTIONS  
8th August*

*Take some time to ponder the words of this hymn, being aware of what wells up in your heart.*

## Your God Is There

*Monica Brown*

Here and now, where you are,  
Your God is there,  
Whisp'ring in your heart,  
Believe and trust,  
Your God is there.

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### Words of Inspiration from Mary MacKillop

"We have all very much for which to thank and love God." *Mary MacKillop 27/6/1873*

"There where you are you will find God." *Mary MacKillop 1871*

"God knows what is best for all of us." *Mary MacKillop 2/7/1891*

### Prayer

God at the centre of my being, help me to listen to your Word  
and know what you desire for me:

For an open and attentive heart,  
For humility and courage,  
For trust and faithfulness to God's word,  
For a deeper understanding of God's will in my life,  
For truth and justice in the face of opposition,

Mary of the Cross, intercede for us.

*Pray for us Woman of faith and trust,  
That we like you may be led in love,  
O Woman of grace,  
St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.*

*Adapted from "St Mary of the Cross Litany", Monica Brown*

## Words of Inspiration from Mary MacKillop

“Tis true I only seek to serve God in the care of the little ones of His flock.”

*Mary MacKillop 21/8/1867*

“Truly our great God will be gratified by the love and zeal of many.”

*Mary MacKillop 30/6/1873*

“God wants us by every means in our power to lead others to life.”

*Mary MacKillop 1899*

“Let us do the will of God, the beautiful, wise will of God.”

*Mary MacKillop 5/3/1870*

“May God help me to do what is right.” *Mary MacKillop March 1898*

### Prayer

God, through the intercession of Mary MacKillop,  
we pray that the fire of your compassion will ignite many hearts.

May Mary's attentiveness to your dream inspire us.

May her energy to overcome injustice empower us.

May we, like her, make manifest your Presence in our troubled world.

We pray that the beacon of her holiness shine  
as a blessing for the universal Church and our world.

We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Mary, you dared to trust in God's way  
Your heart knew the depths  
of God's love.  
You embraced God in those you met,  
pray for us.*

*Adapted from St Mary of the Cross Litany: Monica Brown*

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## Too Deep For Words

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Too deep for words, God's love for us,  
More than we could say.  
Too deep for words, God's love for us,  
More than we could know. Cling to that love,  
O cling to God's love and grace.  
Let these be your guide.

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## Words of Inspiration from Mary MacKillop

"Find happiness in making others happy." *Mary MacKillop 1899*

"Make no reserves with God. Reject no-one.  
You never know what grace can do." *Mary MacKillop 1871*

"Lean upon God." *Mary MacKillop 25/4/1873*

## Prayer

God of all blessings, you revealed in Mary MacKillop a sensitivity to the rights and dignity of every person, regardless of race or creed.

May we learn from her to overcome fear and prejudice.

Help us to value the goodness of each person  
and all the blessings of unity in diversity.

We ask this through the depth and unity of you, our bountiful God who holds all things in being. Amen.

*Mary, you lived from the heart of kindness,  
You served the very poor and needy,  
You bestowed dignity on all, pray for us.*

*Adapted from "St Mary of the Cross Litany", Monica Brown*

## Words of Inspiration from Mary MacKillop

“Whatever your troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering whom you are trying to follow.

Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you in all your life.” *Mary MacKillop 12/1/1909*

“See the protecting ... hand of God in all that is happening.” *Mary MacKillop 1885*

“Cling to God’s love and grace.” *Mary MacKillop 1890*

## Pope John Paul II

Think of Mother Mary MacKillop and learn from her to be a gift of love and compassion to one another, for all Australians and for the world. *January 1995*

## Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for the example of Mary MacKillop  
who, in her living of the Gospel  
witnessed to the human dignity of each person.

She faced life’s challenges with faith and  
courage. We pray through her intercession for our needs.

May her holiness inspire us to be people of hope, love and forgiveness.

We make this prayer through Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

*Mary, you bore deep suffering  
with courage  
You taught us to forgive  
from the heart  
You believed grace could do  
great things, pray for us.*

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## **Saint Mary of The Cross Litany**

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*Pray for us Woman of faith and trust,  
That we like you may be led in love,  
O Woman of grace, St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.*

You who lived from the heart of kindness,  
You who served the very poor and needy,  
You who bestowed dignity on all,  
St Mary of the Cross, pray for us. *(R)*

You who bore deep suffering with courage  
You who taught to forgive from the heart  
You who believed grace could do great things.  
St Mary of the Cross, pray for us. *(R)*

You who dared to trust in God's way  
You whose heart knew  
The depths of God's love  
You who embraced God in those you met.  
St Mary of the Cross, pray for us. *(R)*

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### **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 in hope.

May we relish the sacred  
in the ordinariness of our lives.

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

We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the way, the truth and the life. Amen.