



# Saint Mary MacKillop

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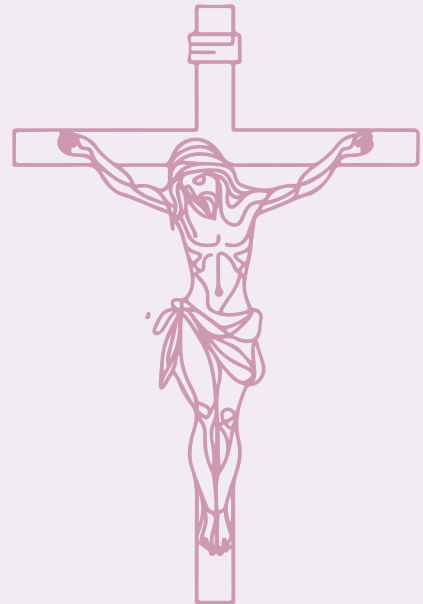
# Reflection

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

## Your God Is There

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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# Prayers

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.

# Inspiration

## Words of Inspiration

"We have all very much for which  
to thank and love God."

MARY MACKILLOP 1873

"There where you are you  
will find God."

MARY MACKILLOP 1871

"God knows what is best  
for all of us."

MARY MACKILLOP 1891



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.

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

MARY MACKILLOP 1867

"Let us do the will of God, the beautiful, wise will of God."

MARY MACKILLOP 1870

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

MARY MACKILLOP 1873

"May God help me to do what is right."

MARY MACKILLOP 1898

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

MARY MACKILLOP 1899

# Prayers

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.

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## Too Deep For Words

Here and now, where you are,  
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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# 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.

# Inspiration

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"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 1873



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

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"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."

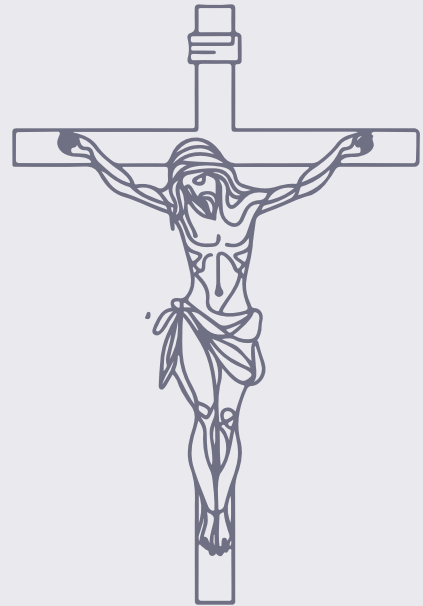
MARY MACKILLOP 1909

"See the protecting ... hand of God in all that is happening."

MARY MACKILLOP 1885

"Cling to God's love and grace."

MARY MACKILLOP 1890



# 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.

*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."

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Mary, you bore deep suffering with courage  
You taught us to forgive from the heart  
You believed grace could do great things, pray  
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## **Saint Mary of The Cross Litany**

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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.