

PRAYING WITH MARY MACKILLOP

DAY TWO

Put on love



The country of Sidon was experiencing a drought and consequently famine.

St Paul writing to the Colossians assures them that God has chosen them and loves them. He encourages the people to take on the qualities of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness and to let the message of Jesus find a home in them.

We, like the people of Colossae, are called to embrace these qualities. In this Mary MacKillop can be our guide and inspiration. In 1995 Pope John Paul II said of Mary, "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."

Take a few moments to ponder these words of Mary MacKillop:

Entreat God to make us all that we should be.

MARY MACKILLOP 1873

If we have love in our hearts, we shall have God with us.

MARY MACKILLOP 1890

Complete these thoughts in your mind

- I have shown the compassionate heart of God ...
- I acknowledge with gratitude the ways in which God has gifted me ...
- I am called to be patient ...
- To whom was I kind today?
- When was I called to go beyond myself for the sake of another?
- When have I been called to forgive and accept forgiveness?

As we strive to be love in our world Mary says to us:

Let us study the Heart of God and, in doing so, we shall learn many beautiful lessons of patience and love.

MARY MACKILLOP 1871

If our intention is pure and we have love in our hearts we shall have God with us.

MARY MACKILLOP 1890

"May God bless you all. With all the love in my heart I pray that God may do this."

MARY MACKILLOP 1899