

**Prayer of Intercession:**

**Presider:** With renewed hope and trust, we remember the compassion of Jesus and place our needs in the welcoming heart of our Creator God.

- For the leaders of our church and country:  
May they govern with compassion, justice and integrity, keeping in mind the welfare of all people.  
With trust and hope, we pray....

**Response:** Loving God, hear our prayer

- For those people whose lives have been affected by bushfire, flood drought and human struggle:  
May the compassion of God touch their hearts through the kindness and generosity of the human family.  
With trust and hope, we pray
- For the mission of the church:  
May those called to break the bread of life and to preach the mystery of his cross, be strengthened by Christ to proclaim good news to the poor.  
With trust and hope, we pray...
- For the canonization of *Blessed Mary of the Cross*:  
May her holiness of life, and intercession in the lives of the faithful, be recognised soon by the universal church.  
With trust and hope, we pray.....
- For the Josephite family:  
May the pervading spirit of *Blessed Mary of the Cross* radiate God's saving love to a world that hungers for justice and peace, dignity and life, education and healing.  
With trust and hope, we pray...
- For the sick, the lonely, the grieving and for all who pray through the intercession of Blessed Mary MacKillop  
May the God of all consolation bring healing and peace to their lives. With trust and hope, we pray.....
- For the youth of the world
- May they, like Mary MacKillop open their hearts to the call of the Holy Spirit in their lives.
- With trust and hope we pray...
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**Presider:** God of healing, hope and compassion: hear our prayer and what we ask in faith, grant us through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**