

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Note: After the announcement of the intercession, the prayers offer an ideal way of including languages that reflect the composition of each local Assembly.

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

Reader: 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

Reader: 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

Response: Loving God, hear our prayer

Reader: In this year of the canonization of *Mary of the Cross*:

May we open our hearts to her inspiration in our lives and continue to reach out to those at the margins of our society. *With trust and hope, we pray.....*

Response: Loving God, hear our prayer

Reader: 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...

Response: Loving God, hear our prayer

Reader: For the youth of the world

May we, like Mary MacKillop open our hearts to the call of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

With trust and hope we pray...

Response: Loving God, hear our prayer

Reader: 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.....

Response: Loving God, hear our prayer

Presider:

God of healing, hope and compassion: hear our prayer and what we ask in faith, grant us through Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**