



LITANY OF MARY MACKILLOP

Reader: Create in us, O God, a new heart and renew a fresh spirit within us. Through the life and example of Blessed Mary MacKillop stir into flame the gifts you have given to each of us and the faith to use them without reserve.

Response: In all that we celebrate, God is with us.

Reader: As your followers, free us to move into the unknown and untried, as Mary MacKillop showed us, to see opportunities of the new day and to serve our present age with compassion, imagination and courage.

Response: In all that we celebrate, God is with us.

Reader: Mary, a woman of faith,
Mary, a woman with foresight,
Mary, a woman of tolerance,
Mary, a woman in love with God.

Response: In all that we celebrate, God is with us.

Reader: Mary, your life made a difference,
Mary, you could recognize when the poor were being used and abused,
Mary, you pushed the boundaries wider than the structures,
Mary, you were prepared to live among those whom you served.

Response: In all that we celebrate, God is with us.

Reader: Mary, a woman of vision,
Mary, a woman with inner strength,
Mary, a woman of prayer,
Mary, a woman who dared to be different.

Response: In all that we celebrate, God is with us.

Reader: Mary, you worked for the dignity and equality of all people,
Mary, you challenged people beyond themselves,
Mary, an inspiration for all Australians,
Mary, you took Jesus to where the people were situated.

Response: In all that we celebrate, God is with us.

Reader: Mary, a woman of her times,
Mary, a woman of hope,
Mary, a woman with determination,
Mary, a woman of integrity.

Response: In all that we celebrate, God is with us.

Reader: Mary, you experienced the strains of family life,
Mary, you did not need bricks and mortar to know you
belonged to the Church,
Mary, you spoke out in society when the opinion of women
mattered little,
Mary, you never saw an evil without trying to overcome it.

Response: In all that we celebrate, God is with us.

Reader: Mary, a woman of dignity,
Mary, a woman of patience,
Mary, a woman of suffering,
Mary, a woman of compassion.

Sing: Amen, Alleluia.

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