

MARY MACKILLOP KIDS PRAYERS

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Prayer to St Mary MacKillop Friend of Children

St Mary MacKillop, friend of children

Help us get on well with our
brothers and sisters.

Help us listen to our parents

Keep us interested in our work

Help us make new friends

Comfort us when we are sad

Help us be sorry when we are cranky

Keep us trying to be true

Help us to forgive

when someone hurts us

Help us love ourselves

Help us to love God heaps

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us!



Isabella Varapodia – Hectorville SA

Travelling Prayer



Wade Stevenson – Temuka NZ

St Mary MacKillop you travelled far and wide
on your work for God.

Join with us in asking God to keep us safe
when we are travelling away from home—

Biking

Walking

Driving

Keep us safe O God

Taking part in sport

Riding the bus

Taking the train

Keep us safe O God.

Flying on a plane

Sailing on a boat

Keep us safe O God.

As we travel help us to appreciate the air, sky,
trees, birds, countryside,
animals and towns
and to be thankful.

St Mary MacKillop keep us in the safe shelter
of our loving God.

Amen

Prayer after a Bad Day

Today's been a bad day for me, God!
It wasn't what I'd hoped for

I feel grouchy and sad
I feel disappointed and yucky
I feel left out and hurt

They were cross with me
They did things I didn't like
They left me out

I feel as if I'm carrying a heavy cross
and God I'd like you to .
.....tell God what you need....

Mary MacKillop of the Cross comfort me
as you consoled the children
who gathered around you.

Help me to get over this day
and have a better day tomorrow.

It's been a bad day for me today God,
a day of the cross, so please spread out a good day for me tomorrow.

Amen



George Beighton - Penola SA

Prayer about Loving God

God your love for me is bigger than

the deepest ocean

the highest mountain

the whole Milky Way

the fastest rapids

the widest desert

the fluffiest clouds

the wettest rain

Please ask Mary MacKillop

to help me to love you

more and more in return.

I love you God!

Amen.



Litany of St Mary MacKillop

St Mary MacKillop

You worked for God

You taught young children

You were at home with ordinary people

You gave a home to poor children

You gathered Sisters around you to help

You stood up for right

You forgave people who hurt you

You led your Sisters wisely

You supported parents

You fed hungry people

You reminded people what was good

You loved God

You trusted God's providence

St Mary MacKillop

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Jasmin Buha and Angela Thorne – Numurkah Vic

Prayer for Clean Water for Poor Children

Generous God,
like the spray from a waterfall,
You surround us with your loving life.

We remember the children of our world
who do not have
clean drinking water
and so every day are in danger of sickness and death.

Move the hearts of people in rich countries like ours
so that governments will support
the cleanup of water
in poor countries.

Like Mary MacKillop we too want
poor children to have a fair deal.

God of life, hear us. Amen

Prayer for MacKillop Kids



Hanna Jang- Mairangi Bay NZ

God, I'm a MacKillop Kid,
I'm a friend of Mary MacKillop,
and I'm trying to live up to my name by

Listening to God's voice
Doing my bit
Having an attitude of gratitude
Making room for all
Forgiving hurts.

God, I'm a MacKillop Kid,
a friend of St Mary MacKillop
and I want to love you as she did.

Amen

Prayer for Refugees and Boat People

God of safety

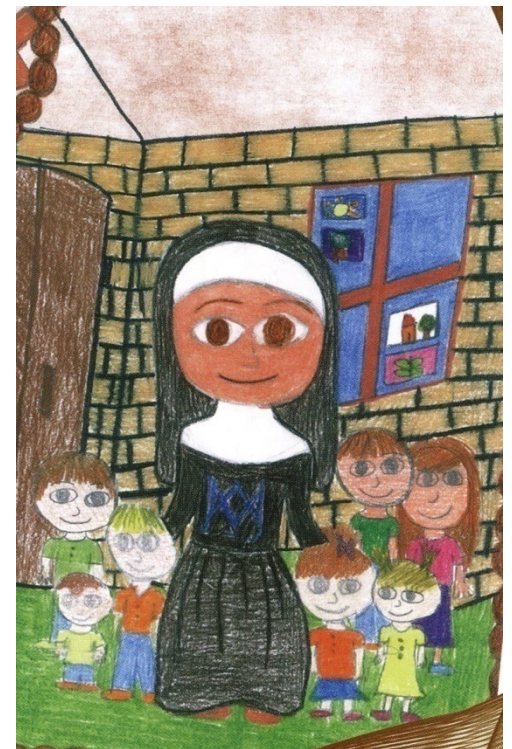
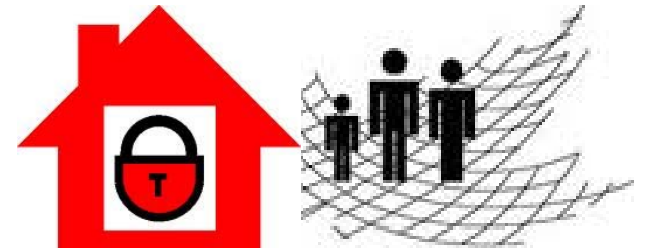
We remember that Mary and Joseph escaped to safety in Egypt
when Herod tried to kill baby Jesus.

And we remember how Mary MacKillop found safe places
for homeless mothers and children.

In these times let our country find room for the refugees who come to us begging safety.
Let our hearts be big enough
to welcome them
so that they can forget
their terror and sadness
and find peace here.

Let us give them a home and a good future in our country.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who knew what it was like
to be a refugee. Amen



Elisa Lonni - Hectorville

Prayer for When My Pet Dies

Mary MacKillop you loved your dogs and today I have lost my pet.

I am very sad and I will miss my pet very much.

Please ask God to look after my pet and all animals.

Also ask God to help me while I am sad and to help me always love and respect all that God has created for our use.

Thank you.



I really want an iPad!

Dear Mary MacKillop

We learnt at school that you trusted in Divine Providence!

I am not too sure what that is all about but the teacher said

when you couldn't get all you needed for your work

you used to say **God will Provide** and God did!

Wow that's pretty cool and I wish God would provide me with the iPad I want but I also know that's not

really what's this is all about.....

Teach me Mary to have a big and trusting heart and to ask God for all the gifts

that help me to be a good friend, a peaceful person and a trusting child.....the iPad would be a bonus I don't have to have!

Amen



Prayer for Trust

Mary I am so happy that my friends trust me and that I can trust them too. This is a great gift and I ask you to help me always treasure that.

I really don't know what it means to trust God but I suppose I can ask you to help me learn this as the adults say that you trusted God a lot and that's how you coped with the bad and sad days.

So Mary help me to keep trusting and ask God to help me to learn to trust in God.

Amen

Prayer for Being Quiet

Mary MacKillop sometimes there is just so much noise around
that I fell like I can't even think.

I know that you used to find some time to be quiet and
listen to the whisperings of God in your heart.

Help me to try giving this a go sometimes—it's hard as there is always
the TV, computer games and my ipod to listen to.

I wonder what God might be whispering to my heart
so help me to try out being still and quiet for a while
as I am sure God would like me to have an open ear to God's voice.



Chloe Watt- Toowoomba

Amen

Prayer to Mary MacKillop when things are going wrong at home

Mary I feel sad and worried as some things are not going ok
with my family. I know that when you were a kid
you had worries about your family too.
Please ask God to help me during this time
because I know God will help me just as he helped you.
Thank you. Amen

When I feel Yuk!

Dear Mary MacKillop
today I feel awful and wonder
if anyone likes me or accepts me.

I know that you had some pretty bad days so I ask you to help me today.

I know you thought that every kid was good and worth teaching so help me to believe in myself.

Ask God to help all us kids be the best people we can be. Amen



Yr 6 student Mary MacKillop – Keilor Downs Vic

Help me please, I can't work it out!

Mary I have been in some fights and things are bad! You had to sort out some hard things with people and you were able to do it really well.

Mary would you ask God to help me to learn patience and to try and listen to other people so that we can sort things out better so that everyone wins! It's pretty hard but

I know you did it and you can ask God to help me. Amen



Christine Valdez – Mairangi Bay - NZ

Why did they die?

Dear Mary MacKillop

My.....^(name of whoever has died).....has died.

I feel so sad and upset and I want them to come back.

Mary, your parents died and your brothers and sisters too
so you know how I feel.

Please ask God to help me through this terrible time and to
help me to understand that.....^(name of whoever has died).....is happy in heaven and with God. Amen

Never See a Need

Dear Mary MacKillop

You said: *Never see a need without
doing something about it*

I think that means that when I know I could help someone
that I probably should
but many times I don't bother.

Mary would you ask God to help me to try
to be a bit more helpful
especially when my parents and teachers ask me to do things
and when my friends need a helping hand.

Amen



Jasmin Buha and Angela Thome - Numurkah