

**Prayers for deeper compassion and awareness in our world  
through the intercession of St Mary of the Cross.**

**Prayer 1**

God of all blessings, you revealed in Mary MacKillop a sensitivity to the rights and dignity of every person regardless of race or creed.

May we learn from her to overcome fear and prejudice.

Help us to value the goodness of each person and all the blessings of unity in diversity.

We ask this through the depth and unity of you, our bountiful God, who hold all things in being. Amen.

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**Prayer 2**

Loving God we thank you for the example of Mary MacKillop who in her living of the Gospel witnessed to the human dignity of each person. She faced life's challenge with faith and courage.

We pray through her intercession for our needs. May her holiness inspire us to be people of hope, love and forgiveness. We make this prayer through Jesus the Lord. Amen

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**Prayer 3**

Bountiful and loving God, You have filled the heart of Mary MacKillop with compassionate love for those who are in need at the margins of our society.

Deepen that love within us that we may embrace the mystery of the Cross which leads us through death to life.

We ask this in the Spirit of Jesus who having broken the bonds of death leads us to everlasting life. Amen.

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**Prayer 4**

God, through the intercession of Mary MacKillop, we pray that the fire of your compassion will ignite many hearts.

May Mary's attentiveness to your dream inspire us. May her energy to overcome injustice empower us. May we, like her, make manifest your Presence in our troubled world.

We pray that the beacon of her holiness shine as a blessing for the universal church and our world. We make this prayer in Jesus' name.  
Amen

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**Prayer 5.**

God of the Pilgrim, Mary MacKillop trusted your guidance in her journey of life and deepened her confidence in your will.

May we renew our trust in your Providence to lead us in hope. May we relish the ordinariness of our lives. May we grow in the fullness of your love and the depth of your mystery.

We ask this through Jesus Christ the way, the truth and the life. Amen.

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**Prayer 6**

God, the source of all consolation you comfort us in our times of sorrow.

As we mourn the loss of our loved ones, may we like Mary MacKillop place our trust and hope in you.

Welcome into Your presence all those who love have died. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Prayer 7**

Gracious God, we praise and thank you for the gift of Mary MacKillop to our world.

May her life inspire us to reach out to those who are suffering hardship and injustice. Fill us with joy as we celebrate her genuine goodness and heroic holiness.

We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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