

INTERCESSORY PRAYER 4.

Leader: In your love, O God, you raised up St Mary of the Cross as a blessing for those in need. We offer our prayers with hearts filled with gratitude for the past year.

1. Mary MacKillop faithfully listened to her God. Help me to listen attentively to God's invitation to me.

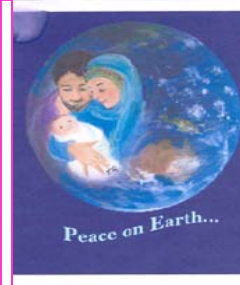
RESPONSE: God of Love, hear our prayer

2. Mary MacKillop allowed the cross to transform her life. Help me to embrace the challenges I will face. R.
3. Mary MacKillop embraced new ways of living the Gospel. Help me to respond to the call of the poor in whatever way I can. R
4. Mary MacKillop struggled with illness and weakness. Help me to accept the changes of aging and the illness that I may face. R
5. We pray for all who have died during 2010, Associates, Sisters, loved ones and friends. May they live in the presence of our loving God and St Mary of the Cross.

PRAYER Together

God of the pilgrim
Mary MacKillop trusted your guidance in her journey of life.
May we renew our trust in your Providence to lead us in hope.
May we relish the sacred in 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.

Finish with a song or
Sign of Peace.



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SUMMER - ADVENT PRAYER SHEET

ADVENT is the beginning of the Church year when we look forward to celebrating the coming of Jesus Christ as one of us. We also look forward to a new year in our lives, with new hope and new dreams. It is a time we can look to Mary MacKillop to be our model of following Jesus, to renew our commitment as Associates.

St Mary of the Cross, lived a life of heroic virtue. Yet she was an ordinary woman who faced each new year with trust in a good God. Associates are called to follow her example by

PRAYER, FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE.

In her reflection to the Sisters in Rome, Sr Anne Derwin made some points here presented for your reflection.

- Mary came to Rome full of hope. She trusted
- Mary had to adjust her thinking and accept the changes required by the Church.
- She lived the Scripture; she did not worry and fret about the approval of the Rule.
- She listened to advice and spent time explaining the Rule
- Mary prayed, trusting that God would take care of it.

A TIME TO REFLECT

Which heroic virtue in Mary do you most admire?

Which particular virtue of Mary, do people know in you?

REFLECTION ON THE PAST YEAR 2.

Spend some time reflecting on the past year:

How would you describe your journey of 2010?
Could you draw a symbol or image to describe it.

Who were your wise persons?
What did they teach or reveal to you?

Did any of your hopes and dreams eventuate?

What would you change for the next year?

Where did you find God in the events of the year?

What scripture passage would you choose to lead you into the next year?

SHARE ANYTHING YOU FEEL ABLE TO



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Slowly pray the following prayer as Mary MacKillop would have prayed these words

PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR 3.

Sacred Mystery,
Waiting on the threshold
Of this new year,
You open the gates
And beckon to me.

“Come! Come!
Be not wary of what awaits you
As you enter the unknown terrain,
Be not doubtful of your ability
To grow from its joys and sorrows

For I am with you
I will be your Guide.
I will be your Protector.
You will never be alone.”

Guardian of this new year,
I set aside my fears, worries, concerns,
I open my life to mystery, to beauty,
To hospitality, to questions,
To the endless opportunity
Of discovering you in my relationships,
And to all the silent wisps of wonder
That will draw me to your heart.

I welcome your unfailing Presence
And walk with hope into this New Year. Joyce Rupp.

