

# SACRED HEART

## Day Three

*Responding to God's Love*



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### Scripture

*Ezekiel 36:27-28 (Inclusive Bible)*

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you... You will be my people and I will be your God.

*Ezekiel 34:14-16*

I will feed them on good pasture land, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing ground. I myself will tend my flock and have it lie down. I will seek out the lost, I will return the strayed, I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and I will watch over the fat and the sleek. I will be a true shepherd to them.

## Reflection

*God wants us by every means in our power  
to lead others to life.*

*Mary MacKillop 1899*

*Let us rejoice and thank God for giving us  
such solid proofs of his love.*

*Mary MacKillop 1877*

*When you are in any doubt invoke the Holy Spirit  
and then do what you think is best.*

*Julian Tenison Woods 1887*

*It is God's own calm, quiet work and  
let us do it in his own calm, quiet way.*

*Julian Tenison Woods 1873*

*Take time to reflect*

## Response

How do I experience God's transforming love?

How do I make God's transforming love  
present in the world?

## Prayer

My heart bursts with a new song.  
Love makes my tongue as skilled as the finest poet.

Because I have espoused justice  
I am anointed with holy oil.  
Because I have put on the garments of discipleship  
I feel transformed.

I have put aside the pursuit of vain ambition.  
I accept with gratefulness the hospitality of God.

*Songs from a Pierced Heart, Psalm 45  
by Patricia Stevenson rsj*

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## Mary MacKillop's blessing for us in this month of the Sacred Heart

*May the loving Heart bring to one and all of you  
its own true spirit – its spirit of love, true charity  
and sweet humility.*

*Mary MacKillop 1890*