

Prayer for the Intercession of St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)

St Mary of the Cross, we thank God that your life was a model of ardent love for God and for all people. You sought to know His will through prayer, Eucharistic adoration and reception of the sacraments. You saw Christ in the poor and marginalised and sought to bring them comfort and support. In following your vocation faithfully through many hardships, you showed us how to listen to and obey God's will and serve Him in those we meet. Intercede for us so that we may be ever listening to God's voice and faithfully obeying Him wherever He leads us.

St Mary of the Cross, with great compassion and out of love for Christ, you gave your life for the education and spiritual instruction of children from impoverished families. You recognised the profound importance of a firm foundation in the lives of children and young people. Intercede for the children and youth of Australia so that they may come to know and love our Saviour Jesus Christ. Grant that those who educate them may be models of holiness. Grant that they may skillfully impart knowledge and truth, always remaining faithful to the teachings of the Church.

St Mary of the Cross, you placed yourself and your congregation under the patronage of St Joseph. You relied on his fatherly assistance in your daily life. Teach us to turn to him in our necessities and to recognise his powerful intercession. May he continue to intercede for the apostolate of the Sisters of St Joseph.

St Mary of the Cross, you always remained obedient to the Church in spite of misunderstandings in seeking to fulfill your vocation. With only love for those who sought to discredit you, you calmly entrusted your life to God, knowing that He would allow the work of your congregation to flourish if it was His will. Grant that we may have great faith that God is directing the course of our lives, even in the midst of suffering and turmoil. Teach us to wholeheartedly forgive others, relying on God's grace. Intercede for the Church in

Australia, that She may always remain faithful to Our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Most gracious and merciful Saviour, we place before you our needs (.....) and ask that you grant these favours through the intercession of St Joseph and St Mary of the Cross.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life of St Mary of the Cross. She provides us a model of virtue in her love for You, showing how we might serve You in faithfulness and obedience. She teaches us to embrace the crosses of our own life and in absolute trust, surrender all to You. Help us to grow in imitation of her virtues so that we may one day reach our heavenly home. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns, world without end. *Amen.*

Litany of St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)

Lord have mercy on us

Christ have mercy on us

Lord have mercy on us. Christ hear us

Christ graciously hear us

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us*

God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God, *pray for us*

St Joseph, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, faithful daughter of the Church, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, faithful adorer of the Most Blessed Sacrament, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, child of the Most Holy Rosary, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, model of steadfast faith, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, model of courageous hope, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, model of selfless charity, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, model of sincere forgiveness, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, model of humility, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, who embraced the cross of Christ, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, companion of the poor, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, solicitous for those entrusted to your care, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, compassionate with those who are suffering, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, advocate for parents, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, champion of Catholic families, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, friend of children and youth, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, tireless in teaching others to love Christ, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, courageous in spreading the Gospel, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, eager for the conversion of souls, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, gracious in adversity, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, entrusting yourself to Christ during illness and while dying, *pray for us*

St Mary of the Cross, earnest for the welfare of Australia, the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit, *pray for us*

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, *spare us O Lord*

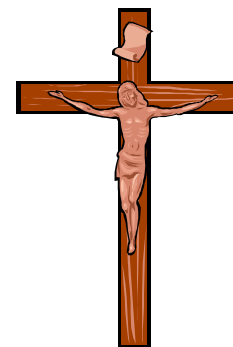
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us O Lord*

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

Pray for us, St Mary of the Cross
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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