

Mary MacKillop – A Litany

Reader: Create in us, O God, a new heart and renew a fresh spirit within us. Through the life and example of Blessed Mary MacKillop stir into flame the gifts you have given to each of us and the faith to use them without reserve.

All: Let love guide us all our lives.

Reader: Mary, a woman of faith,
Mary, a woman with foresight,
Mary, your life made a difference,
Mary, you were prepared to live among those whom you served.

All: Let love guide us all our lives.

Reader: Mary, you experienced the strains of family life,
Mary, you did not need bricks and mortar to know you belonged to the Church,
Mary, you spoke out in society when the opinion of women mattered little,
Mary, you never saw an evil without trying to overcome it.

All: Let love guide us all our lives.

Reader: Mary, you worked for the dignity and equality of all people,
Mary, you challenged people beyond themselves,
Mary, an inspiration for all Australians,
Mary, a woman of your time.

All: Let love guide us all our lives.

Reader: Mary, a woman of vision,
Mary, a woman with inner strength,
Mary, a woman of prayer,
Mary, a woman who dared to be different.

All: Let love guide us all our lives.

Reader: Mary, a woman of dignity,
Mary, a woman of patience,
Mary, a woman of suffering,
Mary, a woman of compassion.

All: Amen, alleluia.



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