

NINE DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

The Sisters of St Joseph
give thanks for
150 years
1866 - 2016



Listening to the
Heartbeat of the World

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DAY SEVEN

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JOSEPH THE TRUSTING ONE

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WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Today we give thanks
for those through whom the
Sisters have experienced the
Loving Providence of God.

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We are mindful of St Joseph who
firmly trusted that God
would provide in all things.

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Jesus said to his disciple, 'that is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it..... Think of the flowers; they never have to spin or weave; yet, I assure you, not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the fields which is here today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, how much more will God look after you.... nor must you worry.'

Luke 12:22, 27-28

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When I could not see my way,
God kept my heart full of trust
to make all come right

Mary MacKillop 1874

Let us turn our faces
and look into the heart of God and say:
'You are my way and into your heart I will
look and leave all else to You'
....God knows that we can do nothing,
but so dearly loves us to trust.

Julian Tenison Woods 1889



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As you ponder the words from the

Gospel of Luke


the writing of Mary MacKillop

& Julian Tenison Woods,

what touches your heart?



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(Your name)
God will provide
for the future

Mary MacKillop 1873

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How is the mystery of God's mission
in the world unfolding in your life?

(take as much time as you can to reflect on this)

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To what does this call me today?

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United with those who reveal the loving Providence of God through their care of the Sisters, we pray:

We give thanks for God's generosity in calling the Sisters of St Joseph into being.

For Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods
the first Sisters, the children in schools,
the families around them,
the friends supporting them,
For the vision, energy and legacy they left.

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We give thanks for the Josephite spirit in God's mission
for the women who heeded,
the people who supported the mission,
the families who welcomed the Sisters,
For the love and healing in our parishes.

Join with us, all who have gone before
walking the Josephite way
supporting the Josephite vision
drawn into Josephite communion.
Join us in praise God's abounding kindness.
Amen

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Thank you for praying in solidarity
with the Sisters of St Joseph
and people from across the world.

Let us remain mindful of St Joseph
who firmly trusted
that God would provide in all things.

We look forward
to praying together tomorrow.



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