

# NINE DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

## Day Seven

### Focus

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

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



*He said to his disciples, "therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear... Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today and is throw into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you. Luke 12:22, 27-28*

*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*

## Reflection

As you ponder the words from the Gospel of Luke and the writings of Mary & Julian what touches your heart?

(Your name) God will provide for the future

*Mary MacKillop 1873*

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)*

To what does this call me today?



**Sisters of Saint Joseph**  
*of the Sacred Heart*

*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.*

*We give thanks for the Josephite spirit in God's mission  
for the women who heeded the call  
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 praising God's abounding kindness.*

*Amen.*