

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us

Prayer for the Gift of Rain, for People Affected by Drought, for Support Services

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour
on our drought-stricken land,

on our starving animals, on our falling crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers

and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched
earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in
whom the promise of new life has dawned,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life;

Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,

Mary, help of Christians

Pray for us.

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Pray for us.

Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

(Adopted from the USCCB)

Mary, Help of Christians, we fly to you today

as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,

as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world,

and for all our families

and loved ones, the protection of God's holy angels,

that we may be spared the

worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain

the grace of healing and

deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable

and fearful, wipe away their

tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the

Church to love one another and

to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of

Jesus to our land and to our hearts.