

Praying with Venerable Mary Aikenhead

Prayer 1:



Gracious God,
May we, like Mary Aikenhead, dare to venture into the
unknown in your service.

In her spirit may we continue to push the boundaries of our
understanding.

Help us recognise the limits of isolation, exclusion, poverty.

Hold us as we respond in faith and in love. Amen

The young Mary Aikenhead

Virginia Mahoney RSC Australia

“When our Lord calls, we must put out our nets with confidence.”

Mary Aikenhead 18th July 1845



Prayer 2:

Mary Aikenhead, advocate of simplicity
we pray for a simplicity that this world cannot give.

We pray for eyes that see beyond complexity.

We pray for ears attuned to the cry of the poor.

We pray for lips to speak out words of justice.

We pray for hands to reach out in service and for feet to walk in your footsteps.

We pray that we will be sustained by the love of Christ and urged ever onwards.

RSC England/Scotland

“May our Lord give us all simple hearts and tongues! Amen.”

Mary Aikenhead 25th June 1844

Prayer 3:

God of our Ancestors, we come before you,
we desire to be filled with your spirit of love.

We yearn to follow in the footsteps of your servant Mary Aikenhead,
and of our sisters who have gone before us.

We beg "Caritas Christi" characterise all our discussions through life,
trusting that this will lead us to giving honour and glory to you, our Creator.

May your love beckon us to your desired future for us,
which we will embrace as our own.

Accept this, our prayer and shower on us your bountiful blessings.

Amen.



Prayer 4:

Loving father and caring mother of our ancestors,
we praise and thank you for carrying our congregation on your wings.

Grant us the generosity to dare to embrace life-giving ways
of working with the poor as Mary Aikenhead did.

May the hearts of all who hear of the life of Mary Aikenhead especially the young,
be moved to a greater love and service of you,

RSC Zambia

*“May our Lord teach our hearts to keep alive the fire of grateful
love and service. Amen.”*

Mary Aikenhead 11th August 1849



*The statue of Mary Aikenhead was
commissioned by St Columba's College,
Melbourne Principal, Ms April Honeyman
in 2017. The Statue of Mary Aikenhead is
the work of sculptor, Jenny Steiner.*