

LORETO EDUCATION

We as Loreto schools around Australia celebrate the vision of Mary Ward; together we are inspired by the past and united for the future.

We join with one voice and one heart to give thanks for the great gift of our Loreto education and to pray.....

Reader: For verity; In order to be truthful each of us must discover and accept the women (people) that we are. We must discover what is important to us and what gives meaning to our lives. Mary Ward challenges us to do what we have to do well.

All: May we be women (people) of Mary Ward who speak, hear, receive, act and search for truth.

Reader: For felicity; In this year of celebration, may we aim to resist undue anxiety and self centeredness and strive to promote a joyous, light-hearted and courageously hopeful attitude to life.

All: May we be women (people) of Mary Ward with open minds and generous hearts.

Reader: For freedom; We ask for strength and courage so that we may fight the battle of freedom on behalf of those who are oppressed. We strive for a society based on freedoms in our immediate communities, nationally and internationally. As we love to live and live to be free we are inspired to continue the work of Mary Ward and our Loreto sisters.

All: May we be women (people) of Mary Ward who give thanks for the freedom and the opportunities with which we have been presented.

Reader: For justice; Let us be just people who speak out for those who do not have a voice, so that we may

achieve harmonious relationships with God, other people and all of creation.

All: May we be women (people) of Mary Ward who know that justice involves being people of integrity, who focus on equality rather than superiority.

Reader: For sincerity; Let us build and strengthen relationships that enable us to be true to ourselves and to those around us. Through our love and trust in God, let us celebrate without envy the achievements of others and enable us to listen and communicate in a sincere and truthful manner.

All: May we be women (people) of Mary Ward who can be such as we appear and appear such as we are.

All: With the help of our God may we continue to be Mary Ward women (people), inspired by the faith and commitment of Gonzaga Barry and by the gifts and guidance of the Loreto sisters of Australia, to learn, live and love with the Holy Spirit, in order to come **to be and to do much**, together.



PRAYER OF SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we received, how much money we made, how many great things we have done.

We will be judged by –
“I was hungry and you gave me to eat,
I was naked and you clothed me,
I was homeless and you took me in.”

Hungry not only for bread
but hungry for love.

Naked not only for clothing
but naked of human dignity and respect.

Homeless not only for want of a room of bricks but
homeless because of rejection.