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## A prayer for compassion and courage

Compassionate God,  
Inspire our hearts and empower our actions  
with your unconditional love for those who are most vulnerable.  
May we boldly and humbly serve our brothers and sisters,  
always aspiring to bring to their lives love  
and the highest level of professional care.  
May we be steadfast in our work for justice for all your people.  
Keep our hearts open to the joys and the hopes of our world.  
Keep us open to hear your call to truth, justice and reconciliation,  
as we acknowledge the daunting challenges,  
which face our nation and our church.  
Let us continue to draw strength from St Mary MacKillop and  
others, on whose shoulders we stand,  
and who inspire us to respond creatively and generously  
to all those denied dignity and true freedom.  
We gather here in Jesus' name to be nourished  
and to move forward together in hope and joy.  
Amen

by Peter Hudson