

# Diocesan Prayer

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have received all the gifts we enjoy. We give thanks for the blessings bestowed upon our Diocese of Ballarat.

We rejoice in the communities who have lived on this land. We recognise the Aboriginal peoples, here for tens of thousands of years. We acknowledge our years as the Diocese of Ballarat, a community of communities from the Murray to the sea.

Inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist, may we follow the example of Jesus and the guidance of your Holy Spirit. May we reach out in humble service, welcoming all and caring for all creation. May we grow in love day by day. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help. Pray for us.  
Saint Patrick. Pray for us  
Saint Mary MacKillop. Pray for us.

*Adapted from the prayer written by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR  
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