

There Where You Are

There where you are, you will find God.

Mary MacKillop 1874

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At some point in our lives it is natural to ask, *Where is God?*



Isaiah asked... (Is 63:11-12)

Where is the one who brought them out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is the one who put within them his holy spirit, who caused his glorious army to march at the right hand of Moses... Who led them through the depths?

Where is God?

Mary MacKillop, in writing '*There where you are you will find God,*' was keenly aware that God was to be found in the seemingly ordinary moments of the day, in the very breath of our living, dwelling within us.

God, the giver of grace, could be found in our joy, growth, struggles, silence and discovery. God is especially found in life's difficulties, and in the efforts to rise above them as we live out the Paschal mystery.

God is intimately at the very heart of all our relationships. Each person we encounter is the human face of the indwelling God. God is there to be found in our communion with those we reach out to and in our *footsteps as we dance with the lame.*

On the spiritual journey, in the seeking out of God, we can believe that fulfilment will be ours *some day*. This can leave us restlessly waiting in anticipation and out of tune with God here and now. Whilst God is always with us, we can take a lifetime to understand this.

In Isaiah, God responds to the question, *Where is God?* (Is 65:1-3)



*I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.*

*I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name.
I held out my hand all day long...*

God, who will be there in what is to come, is also to be found here, right now, animating our lives. We do not need to be anywhere else or anything more, only willing to find God on this day, in this place and in these people.

The words *There where you are you will find God*, invite us to listen to where God might be trying to break through to us each day. We might well ask, *Where is God?* But how often do we take a moment to hear God saying, '*Here I am, here I am*' and gently, and consciously, take the divine hand held out so lovingly to us.

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Reflection

There where you are you will find God

- Spend some time reflecting on how God has entered into your day.
- Where is God dwelling in your life today?
- Where was God in the ordinary moments?
- How has God tried to break through to you in the people you encountered?
- Where was God in the irritating or uncomfortable or difficult times of the day?

Let us Pray

God said, *'Here I am, here I am' ... I held out my hand all day long...*

- Spend a moment in silence and gently, and consciously, take the divine hand held out so lovingly to you.
- Pray that you may know God's presence wherever you are.
- Pray that you will recognise each person you encounter as the human face of the indwelling God.

Action

Walk through each day taking every moment to recognise God reaching out to you in the ordinary moments, in those who reach out to you, in your pain, in each footstep, and in your moments of awakening to the suffering of others.

My reflections

Throughout this prayer you may wish to record your thoughts and prayers.