

# Mothers' Testimonies

*"The Movement is a great support, a strength for me and the problems I'm facing. Many blessings are being achieved in my life and my children's."*

***"During a memorial Mass for a teenage victim, murdered due to his involvement in drugs. The Parish Priest was inspired to start this group of Mothers for our community."***

*"What an act of love and detachment!  
How much learning! I came back from a Mother's workshop full of ideas to share with my parish priest and start a group in the community."*

***"What encourages us the most and gives us the strength to move on is the unity among mothers, the friendship and affection for one another. We live and experience the victories and sufferings together, as if they were our own. When a mother feels weak, the others pray, kneel and support her. We've been learning to live and love."***

*"They said I couldn't conceive...  
God gave me three daughters!  
They said I was depressed...  
God brought me back!  
They said I shouldn't have too many commitments...  
God gave me the mission Mothers who Pray for their Children!"*  
Restoration of Families by the power of prayer.  
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Australia Coordination



**Photo- VIII Nacional Conference  
Brazil, May 2022**



## Mothers who Pray for their Children Catholic Movement

### HOW & WHEN IT STARTED

The first group of Mothers who Pray for their Children started in Brazil, Vitória city in Espírito Santo state, at São Camilo de Lellis Parish. The group was formed by twenty young catholic mothers, with no prayer life experience, however with a great wish to intercede for their children. The awakening to Jesus was what moved them to gather in the Church and, thus, intercede and pray, even without understanding the spiritual vocation of a mother, inside each heart there was already a thirst for God. It was the beginning of a beautiful path of Faith!

The Movement has already almost three thousand groups only in Brazil and more than 20 groups in other countries. Here in Australia there are 3 official groups, in less than two years of mission.

The first group was founded in 2011 and acknowledged by the Archdiocese of Vitória (ES) as "Mothers who Pray for their Children's Movement", having Angela Abdo as Foundress, Fr. Hadeleon Santana as Spiritual Director, Our Lady of La Salette as Patroness and St Monica as copatroness.

When was the last time  
you experienced

**TRUE  
FREEDOM**



**16, 17 & 18 September  
1st Workshop**



**St Agatha's Parish  
Cranbourne**

God chose me  
to be a mother...

... why am I still struggling?

This Workshop is an opportunity for us women to reconcile with ourselves, with others and with God.

Throughout the weekend we will take the journey of reconciliation, guided by Mothers who Pray for their Children, focusing on the rescue of our essence and healing of our life. Because before being mothers, we are daughters of God.

Being able to share experiences will bring us the certainty that we are not alone, even if we already know that, but still don't acknowledge it. It results in a community support which will bring us closer to each other and consequently closer to God.

There is no better place to be at on this weekend (16, 17, 18/9). God's calling us!

## 1st Workshop

Mothers who Pray for their Children

16 - 17 - 18 September

### FRIDAY - 16/9

- 7pm Hymns – La Salette Statue
- 7.10pm Rosary for the Children
- 7.30pm Reconciliation
- 8.15pm Break (Cuppa)
- 8.35pm Activity
- 9pm Final prayer & Hymns

### SATURDAY - 17/9

- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 10.15am Hymns
- 10.20am Rejection x Overcoming
- 11am Break (Cuppa)
- 11.20am Women from the Bible
- 12.10pm How to be reconciled? (Talk Show)
- 1pm Lunch
- 1.40pm Mothers who Pray for their Children
- 2.20pm Adoration (Reconciliation)
- 3pm Benediction

### SUNDAY - 18/9

- 10.30am Rosary for the Children (Chaplet)
- 10.45am Holy Mass - Final blessing

## Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mobile / Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Year of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs (diet / mobility):

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