**Prayer to the Blessed Virgin**

By St. Gertrude

*O most chaste Virgin Mary, I beseech You, by that unspotted purity wherewith You did prepare for the Son of God a dwelling of delights in Your virginal womb, that by Your intercession I may be cleansed from every stain.*

*O most humble Virgin Mary, I beseech You, by that most profound humility whereby You did merit to be raised high above all the choirs of angels and saints that by Your intercession all my negligences may be expiated.*

*O most amiable Virgin Mary, I beseech You, by that ineffable love which united You so closely and inseparably to God, that by Your intercession I may obtain an abundance of all merits.*

*O Mother of my Redeemer, have compassion on me! Pray for me that I may lovingly embrace Your Son. O Mary, I beseech You, lend me Your heart, Your heart so beautiful, so pure, so full of love and humility, that Jesus may find in me a worthy abode.*

*Come, O Lord Jesus, and find me prepared by Your holy Mother’s hands for union with You. Come, O Lord Jesus, the salvation of my soul! Come, delay no longer!*

*My God, My God, I love You above all things and I am sorry for all those who do not love You!*