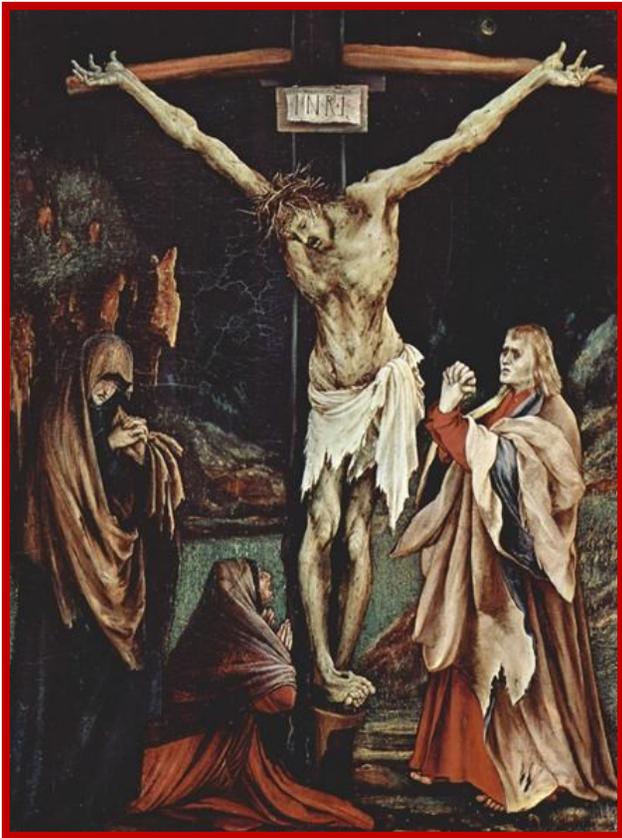


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THE VICTIM OF SIN

— *Saint Gertrude*

*A prayer in which
our Blessed Lord hanging on the
cross is offered to God the Father.*



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LOOK down, O pitiful
Father, from the throne of thy
Majesty and the lofty
habitation of thy heavens, and
behold thy beloved Son
hanging so piteously and so
ignominiously on the cross,
his sacred Body all stretched
and racked, and torn with
cruel wounds.

Look down upon that
spotless Lamb, who opened
not his mouth when in the
jaws of the wolves, to speak
one word of deprecation or
complaint. See thy most
beloved Son, thy sweet Jesus,
shedding his Blood with such
profuse liberality for the sin
of his brethren.

Behold that sacred Head,
before which the Powers of
heaven bow in reverent awe,
now itself bowed in
dereliction and in anguish.

See that Face,
fairer than the sons of men,
defiled with spittings,
seamed with scars,

besmeared with blood,
and marred with livid
bruises.

Behold
his eyes swimming in tears,
his gracious mouth distorted,
his sunken pallid cheeks,
his hair plucked out,
his arms so painfully
stretched, his bones out
of joint,
his breast torn with wounds,
his skin all scarred with
gashes,
his weak and trembling
knees,
his hands and feet dug
through with cruel nails,
his pierced side,
his heart laid open,
and all his limbs swollen
with scourging and
with blows.

Remember, O most
compassionate Father, who it
is that suffers; and remember
in thy mercy for whom he
suffers. Is not this thy well-
beloved Son, whom thou hast

obedient unto thee
even unto death,
has effaced my **disobedience**.
Lastly, let his universal
and absolute perfection plead
for my utter imperfection and
lack of all virtues.

This is my treasure, O
most compassionate Father, in
which I put my trust; this is
the price wherewith I pay
thee all my debts. I beseech
thee, therefore, by the virtue
of all the prayers which thy
Son poured out before thee on
behalf of sinners, that thou
wouldest deign to render this
my oblation valid, acceptable,
and availing; and by the most
sinless Humanity of the same
Jesus Christ thy Son to look
on me as pure and cleansed
from all sin, and endowed
and adorned by his glorious
Divinity with all those virtues
wherewith that same
Divinity caused his most holy
Humanity to blossom and
to bear fruit. Amen.

made most abundant
atonement to thee for all my

sins of **pride**.

I set forth before thee and
offer thee thy most meek
and gentle Son, who has
made atonement to thee for

all my sins of **anger**.

I offer thee thy most

loving Son, who has fully
satisfied for all my sins of

hatred.

His most gracious

liberality has paid whatever

debt I have contracted

through my **avarice**.

His most holy works

have made amends for my

sloth.

His most perfect

abstinence has satisfied for

my **gluttony**.

The purity of his most

holy life has blotted out

whatever sins I have

committed by **evil thoughts**,

or words, or deeds.

His entire and finished

obedience, wherein he was

begotten from everlasting,

and cherished in thine inmost

heart? Is not this that most

spotless Lamb who, obedient

to thee even unto death, hath

offered himself a sacrifice and

a victim for our sins?

Suffer thyself, then, to be

touched with that great sight

which thine only begotten Son

hath set before thee

upon the cross, and

with the satisfaction

he hath made for our sins.

Remember all his groanings,

remember all the tears

he shed upon the cross, while

he prayed for those who had

crucified him, saying: Father,

forgive them! To this end I set

forth before thee and offer

thee, for my innumerable sins,

offences, and negligences, this

thy Son, who is made unto me

redemption.

Behold, O most holy

Father, I set before thee thy
most humble Son, who has