

Prayer of the Founder to the Blessed Virgin Mary



*Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary
dear to Fr. Bertoni*

I greet you, O my Mother;
give me your blessing;
bless me and all who are dear to me.

Please offer to God
all I have to do and suffer today,
in union with your merits,
as well as those of your Blessed Son.

I offer and consecrate to your service
all my being and whatever belongs to me,
placing everything under your protection.

Obtain for me, dear Lady,
purity of soul and body,
and grant that I may not
do anything today displeasing to God.

I entreat you through
your Immaculate Conception
and your perfect Virginity .

Amen.

*From a manuscript by St. Gaspar Bertoni
[Verona 1777 – 1853]*



*St. Gaspar Bertoni entrusts to the Blessed
Virgin Mary the youth of his Oratory*

