



Prayer before a Crucifix

EN EGO, O BONE ET DULCISIME IESU



Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus,
I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight,
and with the most fervent desire of my soul
I pray and beseech Thee
that Thou wouldst impress upon my heart
lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity,
with true repentance for my sins,
and a firm desire of amendment,
whilst with deep affection and grief of soul
I ponder within myself,
and mentally contemplate
Thy five most precious wounds;
having before my eyes
that which David spake in prophecy:

“They pierced my hands and my feet;
they have numbered all my bones.”

PSALM 21 : 17-18