

holy ; yet Thou didst think of us, and all the aspirations of Thy Heart were directed towards this great design : the perfection of our souls. Divine Jesus, through the love with which Thy Heart has been consumed for us, we ask this gift of fervor, and a generous zeal for our sanctification, in order that we may courageously advance in the path of Christian virtue.

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MARY IMMACULATE.

Immaculate ! Without a stain !
 How can we rightly greet thee !
 O, Mary, I, thy child, were fain
 To suffer all to meet thee ;
 A near thy favored lot to be —
 God's chosen Maid of Galilee !

To greet the one who when on earth,
 Through trials worse than ours,
 Walked "undefiled" even from her birth
 Till thorns were changed to flowers ; —
 Till Jesus came her heart to claim,
 And render spotless Mary's name.

And now throughout each earthly place
 That Christians enter in,
 We hail our Mother, " Full of grace,
 Conceived without a sin."
 And, through her love, we all await
 An entrance at the heavenly gate.

J. E. M. Raley, in S. H. Review.