

A Little Prayer for the Carmelite Fathers in Retreat.

I.

O BLESSED Virgin, glorious Queen,
 Mount Carmel's light and love,
 Look down upon their priestly hearts
 And bless them from above,
 Obedient to our Saviour's voice
 They all have gone apart,
 To "rest a little while" and hear
 The secrets of His heart.

II.

Oh! may the Spirit of the Lord
 New light, new love inspire,
 Inflaming more and more their hearts
 With sacred Altar fire.
 Keep Thou their blest anointed hands
 Pure as the lilies fair,
 For day by day the Sacred Host
 Will find a resting there.

III.

Watch o'er them when poor sinners come
 With sorrow to their feet,
 That like their Lord, compassionate,
 They may be mild and sweet.
 And may their words of life and light
 Breathed forth in His dear Name,
 Sink gently into listening hearts,
 Their coldness to inflame.

IV.

Oh! may Thy silvery star-like ray
 Securely lead them on,
 Until the darksome night has passed,
 And earthly shades are gone.
 May they Thy glorious beauty
 With joy forever see;
 Pray for them all, sweet Mother!
 And ah!-- remember me!

ENFANT DE MARIE.