

my own happy death—the death I wished to undergo in imitation of my divine Son. I will defend them against the demon, will assist and protect them, and will, finally, present them before the tribunal of God's mercy where I will intercede for them.

For this reason God granted me a new favor, assuring me that He would bestow powerful assistance upon my devoted servants, either to enable them to live with greater purity, or to die happily, provided that before reaching the end of their career, they invoke me in memory of the mystery of my holy and precious death.

#### PRAYER.

Rejoice, O August Queen and Sovereign Mistress of heaven, exult because of thy sublime elevation, thy wonderful privileges, thine incomparable glory, and triumph forever in thine unutterable happiness. But, I supplicate thee, at the same time, O kind and tender Mother, to cast thine eyes of mercy upon me from the glorious throne whereon thou art seated. Behold me, O Mary, struggling against the storms and perils to which I am daily exposed, and which alas ! will assail me till the end of my earthly life !

Speak to Jesus in my favor, I implore thee, O Mother of mercy ; beg Him to cleanse my soul in His Precious Blood and to remit all my indebtedness to divine justice ; ask Him to enrich me with innumerable merits during my few remaining days. Obtain for me, above all, through the merits of thy blessed death and glorious Assumption, holy perseverance in God's love, that leaving this world in a state of grace I may one day reach heaven there to receive thy maternal embrace and duly celebrate thy glory. Amen.

*From L'Âme Sainte by Dom Fucelonis.*

On the Feast of the Assumption (Aug. 15) pray in a special manner for the deliverance of the souls in purgatory. It is the chosen day for the liberality of divine mercy. If we pray fervently, we will assist the Blessed Virgin in delivering all these poor captives on the blessed day whereon she herself, through God's power, sundered the chains of the tomb. Let us repeat for this intention :