



## Prayer of an Expectant Mother

Lord Jesus, I lovingly pray for this sweet hope  
that I keep within my womb.

You have granted me the immense gift  
of a tiny little life,  
living in my own life,  
and I humbly thank you for choosing me  
as an instrument of your love.

In this sweet waiting,  
help me to live in a constant attitude  
of self-surrender to your will.

Grant me a motherly heart that is pure,  
steadfast and generous.

I hand over to you my own concerns;  
any anxious fears that may come,  
my own wishes for the little person  
that I still have no knowledge of.  
Grant that it may be born healthy in body,  
keep far from it every peril to its soul.

Mary, you have known  
the ineffable joy of a holy motherhood;  
give me a heart that can transmit an ardent, living  
faith.

Sanctify my waiting,  
bless this joyful hope that is in me,  
grant that the fruit of my womb  
may open out in virtue  
and in holiness through your working  
with that of your divine Son.

Amen.