PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX

Good and gentle Jesus,
I kneel before You.
I see and I ponder Your five wounds.
My eyes behold what David prophesied about You:
"They have pierced my hands and feet;
they have counted all my bones."

Engrave on me this image of Yourself. Fulfill the yearnings of my heart: give me faith, hope, and love, repentance for my sins, and true conversion of life. Amen.