

**Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God,
Angela Caterina Borgia,**
Sister of the Order of Saint Augustine

God, the Father of mercy, we praise you because you have poured out your grace on your servant, Angela Caterina Borgia, making her a model of Christian life through her following of the crucified Christ in the Augustinian contemplative life. We thank you for the gift of charity that does not seek its own interest but is consumed with the love for others, and with which you have adorned the heart of your servant. We pray, that you, Lord, may also fill our hearts with the gifts of the Spirit, so that we can be filled with the spiritual fruits with which you have filled the life of Angela Caterina. Give to your Church, Father, the grace to see her one day glorified among your saints, and through her intercession, bestow on us the grace that in the silence of the heart we implore with faith, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Angela Caterina Borgia was born on 14 June 1694 into an important and religious family of Velletri, Italy. The desire to consecrate herself to the Lord soon matured in her soul and the ancient monastery of S. Lucia in Selci was chosen to be her destination. She was clothed in the Augustinian habit on 24 February 1718. In a spirit of service, Sr. Angela Caterina performed several tasks in the community, even simultaneously. She said that, following obedience, she found equal dignity in being in the kitchen rather than fulfilling more important tasks. She was sacristan and a servant in the refectory, a pharmacist and responsible for the infirmary. She was also in the porter's lodge, thus being able to help some of the needs of the neighborhood's poor. However, her charity toward others was first of all spiritual: her precise "commitment"

was to pray for souls, caring for the conversion of those who called themselves non-believers; she called them "the poor blind". Authentically in love with prayer, she was repeatedly found in secluded rooms of the monastery, kneeling with open arms, immobile. She was a profoundly Eucharistic soul, daily doing the pious exercise of the Stations of the Cross, and this devotion became for her a mystical experience which made her share in the sufferings of Christ. The Virgin Mary was her model of discipleship, conceiving Christ in faith and delivering him in good deeds. In one of her mystical experiences, the Lord came down from the cross, took her heart and placed a cross in it, and then put it back in her chest. During her final illness she relived the agony of Jesus on the cross. She died on the morning of 1 February 1743.