

### Week Three

## Saint Gertrude the Great



**All:** Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us, set our hearts on fire with love of you.

### **Leader:**

Saint Gertrude (1256-1302) was a Benedictine nun who was known for her writings, visions, and holiness. She wrote extensively on “nuptial mysticism” where she developed the identity of a nun as a bride of Christ. She is known for her visions of the importance of praying for God’s mercy for the souls in purgatory. Her writings tell us that God is good, that God wants a personal relationship with us, that God desires to show mercy to sinners, and that prayer leads us to works of mercy.

She recounts Jesus telling her in a vision: “...my Divine Heart, understanding human inconstancy, desires with incredible ardor to be continually invited, either by words or signs, to operate and accomplish in you what you are unable to accomplish yourself. Its omnipotence enables my Heart to act without trouble. Its impenetrable wisdom enables It to act in the most perfect manner. And its joyous and loving charity makes it ardently desire to accomplish this end.”

Let us pray:

O my Jesus who did say: “Indeed I say to you, ask and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you.” Here I am, knocking, seeking, and asking the grace....[privately mention your request]

**All:** Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be...  
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

I call to you, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living and life-giving fountain of eternal life, infinite treasure of divinity, glowing furnace of divine love; you are my place of rest and most sure refuge. Dearest Savior, enkindle my heart with that burning love which burns in your heart; pour into my heart the many graces, of which your heart is the source; let your will be my will, and let my will be forever obedient to your will.

**All:** Amen.