



**“Eternal and merciful Father, I give You thanks for the gift of Your Divine Son who suffered, died and rose for all mankind. I thank You also for my Catholic faith and ask Your help that I may grow in fidelity by prayer, by works of charity and penance, by reflection on Your word, and by regular participation in the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist.**

**You gave Saint Monica a spirit of selfless love manifested in her constant prayer for the conversion of her son Agustine. Inspired by boundless confidence in Your power to move hearts, and by the success of her prayer, I ask the grace to imitate her constancy in my prayer for [name(s)] who no longer share(s) in the intimate life of Your Catholic family. Grant through my prayer and witness that (he/she/they) may be open to the promptings of Your Holy Spirit, and return to loving union with Your Church. Grant also that my prayer be ever hopeful and that I may never judge another, for You alone can read hearts. I ask this thought Christ, our Lord. Amen.”**

**St. Monica, pray for us.**