



Prayer to *St. Elizabeth*

Dear Saint Elizabeth, your cousin, Mary, came hurrying first to you with the time-shattering, earth-shaking news that she was to become the Mother of God! You must have met her glowing announcement with profound and frightened amazement, but with total trust in Mary's unimpeachable truthfulness, and her conviction of the magnificent event to come. You knew Mary to be modest, kind, prayerful, and in every way a humble, virtuous woman. Yet how astounding was her revelation to you! What an honor to be the very first human to hear these epochal tidings of happy joy, this world-changing, humanity-saving, news. God was to come into this world as a human! Your cousin was to become the Mother of God! Please accept my veneration to you, who were honored to hear first the earth-changing news of the coming salvation of mankind, an event which would echo forward and back through the endless halls of eternity. Guide me always, dear Elizabeth, to live my life in a manner worthy of the glorious inheritance which God has promised to all those who are faithful each day to His Word. Please intercede for me with your cousin, Mary, our mother, and her Son, our Lord and King. All this I pray of you, in confidence and hope, and love, Saint Elizabeth. Amen.