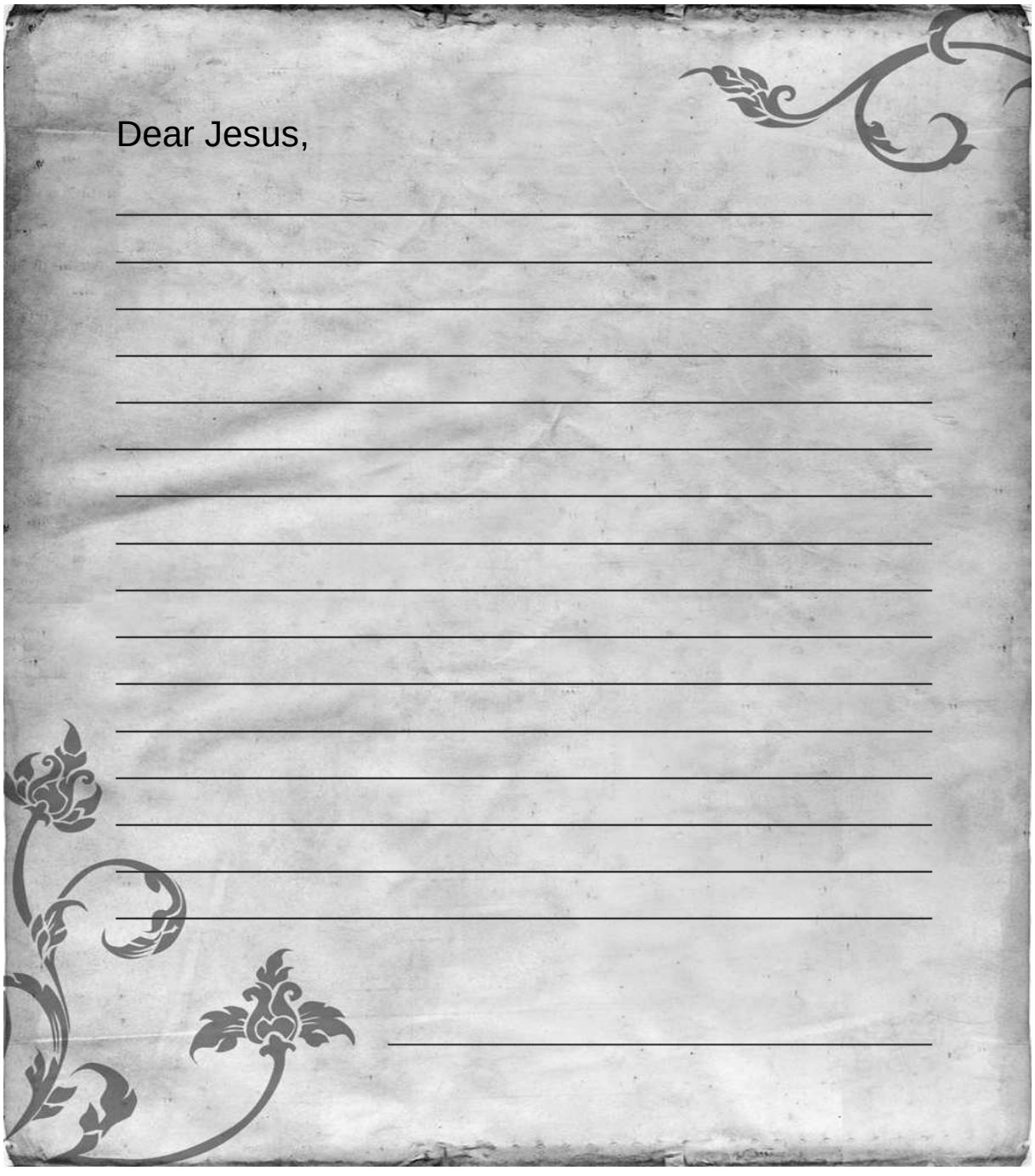
DEAR JESUS

The Venerable **Antonietta Meo** , nicknamed Nennolina, (December 15, 1930 – July 3, 1937) was an Italian girl who may become the youngest saint (who is not a martyr) ever canonized by the Roman Catholic Church. At just 5 years old she wrote letters to Jesus. "Dear baby Jesus, you are holy, you are good," she wrote in one of the letters.

At first she dictated letters to her mother; later she wrote poems and letters herself and left each at the foot of her crucifix. In another letter she wrote: "Dear Jesus, I love you very much. I want to abandon myself in your hands. I want to abandon myself in your arms. Do with me what you want. Help me with your grace. You help me, since without your grace, I am nothing." She wrote or dictated more than 100 letters to Jesus or to the Virgin Mary, describing "holy visions" in many of them. After Mass, people sometimes saw her approach the tabernacle and say, "Jesus, come and play with me!"

Nennolina loved Jesus very much and her letters to Him show how close she felt to Him. Her letters were as prayers for in them she talked to God. Try praying this way by writing Jesus a letter today.



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