



**Prayer to the merciful God**  
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God of mercy, You show Yourself mysteriously in the shape of the Father and the Son in this miraculous image, we ask You:

Have mercy on all those,  
who do not want to accept You,  
who reject Your mercy,  
who do not recognize You as the child in the crib,  
who reject You in the figure of the suffering Christ,  
who do not accept You as a father,  
who reject You as Savior and Messiah,  
who fend Your ministry through the Holy Spirit,  
who want to silence the voice of their conscience,  
who do not want to accept Your extended hand,  
who do not want to be helped by You to free themselves from the scrub in which they are caught,  
who prefer the darkness to Your divine light,  
who do not want to perceive You in the beauty of creation,  
who seek more the illusion of infatuation than You,  
who refuse to look into Your holy divine countenance,  
who do not want to worship You and to bend their knees before You,  
who want to revolt against You in pride,  
who are inwardly eaten up with the need for hatred and retribution.

Merciful God, we ask You:

Inflame the hearts of the lost- by this miraculous image - with the sight of Your love, and let them know that they will find in the sea of Your mercy that happiness and joy which only You will give them and which they can never attain without You.

Amen.

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