

## Litany of the Holy Face

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In reparation for blasphemies; for the conversion of sinners, in particular blasphemers; and for asking of God any grace whatsoever. (pause for private intentions)

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

Holy Virgin Mary, *Pray for us*

O adorable Face, which was adored with profound respect by Mary and Joseph when they saw Thee for the first time \* *Have Mercy on Us*

O adorable Face, which in the stable of Bethlehem didst ravish with Thy the angels, the shepherds and the Magi\*

O adorable Face, which in the temple didst transpierce with a dart of love the saintly old man Simeon and the prophetess Anna\*

O adorable Face, which was bathed in tears in Thy holy Infancy\*

O adorable Face, which, when Thou didst appear in the Temple at twelve years of age, didst fill with admiration the Doctors of the law, \*

O adorable Face, white with purity and ruddy with charity, \*

O adorable Face, more beautiful than the sun, more lovely than the moon, more brilliant than the stars, \*

O adorable Face fresher than the roses of spring, \*

O adorable Face, more precious than gold, silver and diamonds, \*

O adorable Face, whose charms are so ravishing, and whose grace is so attractive, \*

O adorable Face, whose every feature is characterized by nobility, \*

O adorable Face, contemplated by angels, \*

O adorable Face, sweet delectation of the saints, \*

O adorable Face, masterpiece of the Holy Ghost, in which the eternal Father is well pleased, \*

O adorable Face, delight of Mary and Joseph, \*

O adorable Face, ineffable mirror of the Divine perfections, \*

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O adorable Face, whose beauty is always ancient and always new, \*

O adorable Face, which appeases the wrath of God, \*

O adorable Face, which maketh the devils tremble, \*

O adorable Face, treasures of graces and blessings, \*

O adorable Face, exposed in the desert to the inclemencies of the weather, \*

O adorable Face, scorched with the heat of the sun and bathed with sweat in Thy journeys, \*

O adorable Face, whose expression is all-divine, \*

O adorable Face, whose modesty and sweetness attracted both the just and sinners, \*

O adorable Face, which gave a holy kiss to the little children, after having blessed them, \*

O adorable Face, troubled and weeping at the tomb of Lazarus, \*

O adorable Face, brilliant as the sun, and radiant with glory on Mount Thabor, \*

O adorable Face, sorrowful at the sight of Jerusalem and shedding tears on that ungrateful city, \*

O adorable Face, bowed to the earth in the Garden of Olives, and covered with confusion for our sins, \*

O adorable Face, bathed in a bloody sweat, \*

O adorable Face, kissed by the traitor of Judas, \*

O adorable Face, whose sanctity and majesty smote the soldiers with fear and cast them to the ground, \*

O adorable Face, struck by a vile servant, shamefully blindfolded, and profaned by the sacrilegious hands of Thine enemies, \*

O adorable Face, defiled with spittle and bruised by innumerable buffets and blows, \*

O adorable Face, whose divine look wounded the heart of St. Peter with a dart of sorrow and love, \*

O adorable Face, humbled for us at the tribunals of Jerusalem, \*

O adorable Face, which didst preserve Thy serenity when Pilate pronounced the fatal sentence, \*

O adorable Face, covered with sweat and blood, and falling in the mire under the heavy weight of the Cross, \*

O adorable Face, worthy of all our respect, veneration and worship, \*

O adorable Face, wiped with a veil by a pious woman on the road to Calvary, \*

O adorable Face, raised on the instrument of most shameful punishment, \*

O adorable Face whose brow was crowned with thorns, \*

O adorable Face whose eyes were filled with tears of blood, \*

O adorable Face, into whose mouth was pored gall and vinegar, \*

O adorable Face, whose hair and beard were plucked by the executioners,\*

O adorable Face, which was made like that of a leper, \*

O adorable Face, whose incomparable beauty was obscured under the dreadful cloud of the sin of the world, \*

O adorable Face, covered with the sad shades of death, \*

O adorable Face, washed and anointed by Mary and the holy women and wrapped in a shroud, \*

O adorable Face, enclosed in a sepulcher, \*

O adorable Face, all resplendent with glory and beauty on the day of Thy Resurrection, \*

O adorable Face, all-dazzling with light at the moment of Thy Ascension, \*

O adorable Face, hidden in the Eucharist, \*

O adorable Face, which wilt appear at the end of time in the clouds with great power and majesty, \*

O adorable Face, which wilt cause sinners to tremble, \*

O adorable Face, which wilt fill the just with joy for all eternity, \*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us O Lord,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us O Lord,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

## Prayer

I salute Thee, I adore Thee, and I love Thee, O adorable Face of Jesus, my Beloved, noble seal of the Divinity; with all the powers of my soul I apply myself to Thee, and most humbly pray Thee to imprint in us all the features of Thy divine likeness. Amen