

# “The Death of Jesus on the Cross”...

## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *MATTHEW* -:

*“From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem...and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter...began to rebuke him...[But Jesus] turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.’”*

*(Matt 16: 21-23)<sup>1</sup>*

## MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, give us the grace never to forget that, if we want to leave this world and its sufferings once and for all, we must allow ourselves (like you) to be nailed to the Roman Cross of obedience to the Father.

*(cf. SLC, p. 362A)*

## FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to not being frightened of the cross, Pope Francis says: *“The Cross also scares us when we commit ourselves to being witnesses of the Gospel and following Jesus, but... ‘there is no fruitful apostolic work without the Cross.’ ...Jesus’ words to Peter come to mind: ‘Do you love me? Feed my sheep. Do you love me? Feed my lambs.’ ... And these then were among his last words to him: ‘They will carry you where you do not wish to go’. He was announcing the Cross.”* (FRANCIS, Homily, 28 September 2013)

<sup>1</sup> NABRE (USCCB)

## FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION

*( for a personal contribution to give to those who listen ) :*

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*Then follows ...*

- 1 Our Father ...
- 5 Hail Mary ...
- 1 Glory be to the Father ... (Sung)

- Praised be,,,
- O my Jesus, forgive us...
- Mary, Queen of Peace ...

- Then, a quick song relevant to the mystery / or one sings : “ Aveeeee, Aveeeee, Ave Maria ....”

*Then one goes on to the next Mystery which (like this one) if possible must not take more than 5-7 minutes ...*