

## “Jesus in the Garden of Olives”...

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

*“Then going out [Jesus] went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him [...] and kneeling, he prayed, saying, ‘Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done’” (Lk 22:39, 41-42)<sup>1</sup>*

### MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord give us the Grace to be able to say, "Thy Will be done and not ours"; and then we will indeed be like evergreen olive trees, which will not wither (or grow sad) but rather will be able to have that beautiful joy (cf. Ps. 118:16) capable of sheltering, as the shade of a great tree provides protection from the hot sun, all those around us from the powerful "ultraviolet" rays of pain. (cf. *SLC*, pp. 251-252)

### FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- Regarding being like evergreen trees, this is how St. Pio was seen in a vision by one of his spiritual daughters: “I saw a tree of unmeasurable grandeur [...] and I heard a voice tell me: ‘[...] many will come to find refuge under the shadow of this mystical tree to receive fruits of grace and forgiveness [...]’ Jesus assured them that the indicated tree [...] was Padre Pio”

(FERNANDO DA RIESE PIO X, *Padre Pio da Pietrelcina. Crocifisso senza croce*, Ed. Padre Pio da Pietrelcina, San Giovanni Rotondo 2002<sup>7</sup>, p. 309, unpublished translation by pfsgm)

<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 ...