

## “Jesus Crowned with Thorns”...



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

*“And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ And they struck him repeatedly.”*  
(John 19:2-3)<sup>1</sup>

### MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, we beg that the thorny worries of wealth and the prickly pleasures of life (cf. *Luke* 8:14) may not cause us to wither away, or to abandon the divine project which Jesus has sown in the earth of our hearts (in the hope that it is good soil)! (cf. *SLC*, p. 311)

### FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to thorny thoughts and pleasures, St. Francis di Sales says: “*Think also of the diversions with which you once occupied your heart, and you will have to sincerely admit that they were full of bitter thoughts and inopportune worries in which your poor heart was truly lost.*”  
(ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, *Philothea*, Part 4, Ch. XXII)

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

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### 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 ...