

“Jesus Crowned with Thorns”...

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO – *MATTHEW* –:

“Weaving a crown out of thorns, [the soldiers] placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’” (Matt 27:29)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY :

Lord, we pray that the thorny worries of wealth and the prickly pleasures of life (*cf. Luke 8:14*) may not cause us wither away or abandon the Divine Project which Jesus has sown in the earth of our hearts!
(*cf. SLC, p. 311*)

TEACHINGS FROM THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to sowing well in the earth of one’s heart while avoiding thorns, St. John Bosco says: “*The thorns on the earth represent...the human likes and dislikes which distract the educator from the true goal...of gathering crowns for eternal life.*”

(GIOVANNI BOSCO, *Memorie*, III, 35 [unpublished translation by pfsgm])

¹ 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 ...