

“Jesus Crowned with Thorns”...

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - *MATTHEW* -:

“Weaving a crown out of thorns, they 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!’ They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head.” (Matt 27:29-30)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Today, Lord (if it so happened), did we bear with love this crown of stinging insults which insult, offend, and wound our intelligence? Lord, give us the great grace to always love with the fire of Charity: as in the Psalm which says, *‘like a fire which blazes among thorns’* (cf. Ps 118:12b). (cf. SLC, pp. 307-308)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to thorns and patience, a biography of Sr. Lucia of Fatima says: *“Lucia spoke with her cousins and confessed the fear that she had in the face of her mother’s threats. Francesco and Jacinta told her that the priest had also sent for them, but that they were not afraid. They were encouraging one another, saying, ‘Patience! If they strike us, we suffer for the love of the Lord and for sinners.’”*

(LUCIA DI FATIMA, in *Un percorso sotto lo sguardo di Maria*, Ch.3, pg. 64 [unpublished translation by pfsgm])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 ...

