

“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, why did You allow Yourself to be crowned with thorns? What suffering You must have endured! Surely You want to help us understand that we, too, need to endure the “crown of thorns” which we often encounter during the trial of this brief life. Give us the grace to be able to imitate You in this, as well, because as St. Thérèse of Lisieux says, “Every thorn endured, could be a soul saved!” (cf. *SLC*, p. 309)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to thorns, St. John Bosco says: “*The thorns of this life will be flowers for eternity.*”
(GIOVANNI BOSCO, *I pensieri di Don Bosco*, a cura di T. Bosco, Elledici, Torino 1998², p.141 [unpublished translation by pfsgm])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 ...