



## “Jesus Crowned With Thorns”...

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

*“The soldiers led [Jesus] away inside the palace...They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage.” (Mark 15:16-19)<sup>1</sup>*

### 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 accepting thorns with joy, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati says: “You ask me if I am happy. How could I not be?... A Catholic could not be other than happy... The goal for which we were created involves a path which has its thorns, but it is not a sad path. It is joy, even when it involves pain.”

(PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI, *Letter to his sister Luciana*, Turin, 14 February 1925,  
in: BENEDICT XVI, *Message for the XXVII World Youth Day*, 15 March 2012, n. 6)

<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 ...