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Crowning with thorns

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus to the pretorio, and gathered the entire battalion before him. And they took him away and put a red robe on him, and by washing a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and they put a rod in his right hand. And kneeling in front of him, they mocked him, saying, Hail, king of the Jews! (Mt 27:27-29). It is love 'to the end' (Jn 13:1) that gives christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and restoration, as atonement and satisfaction. He knew us and loved us all when he offered his life (CCC, 616). Our Father, 10 Hail Mary (ponders the mystery), Glory to the Father. From the Gospel of St. John: Pilate, then, took Jesus and had flogged him. And the soldiers, knitting a crown of thorns, put it on his head, and put him in a purple cloak. And they kept coming to him and saying, Hail, king of the Jews! and hit him. (John 19:1-3) From Saint Josemaría Escrivá: Our king's willingness to suffering has been fully satisfied! —They lead our Lord to the palace courtyard, and there they call together their entire band (Marcos 15:16). —The brutal soldiers undress His purest body. -Drape a dirty purple rag for Jesus. —A cane, like a scepter, in His right hand... The crown of thorns, driven through the blows, makes him a false king... Ave Rex Jodorum! —Hail, King of the Jews (Mark 15:18). And with their blows, they injured his head. And they hit him... and spit on Him.Crowned with thorns and dressed in rags of purple, Jesus appears to the Jewish mafia: Ecce Homo! —Behold the

Man! Again the high priests and ministers raise the cry, saying: Cross Him, crucify Him (John 19:5-6). Never more, Jesus, never more... And a firm and concrete resolution marks the end of these ten Hail Marys. Our Lord has come so close to his creatures that we are all hungry in our hearts for higher things, to rise up, to do good. If I now challenge similar ambitions to you, it is because I want you to be convinced of the trust it has given to your soul. If you let him work inside you, you'll become, right where you are, a useful instrument more useful than you could ever imagine. But to make sure that cowardice does not make you betray the trust that God has given you, you must avoid the presumption of naïvely underestimating the difficulties you will encounter in your Christian life. These difficulties should not surprise us. As a consequence of our fallen character, we have within us a principle of opposition, resistance to grace. It comes from the wounds caused by the original sin, and is exacerbated by personal Sins. Therefore, we must always fight upwards, through our daily duties, which are divine and human and always lead to the love of God. In this we must be humble and devastated of the heart and we must trust God's help, while at the same time we must dedicating our best efforts to these tasks as if it were all up to us. As we fight this battle, which will last until the day we die, we cannot rule out the possibility that enemies both inside and without can attack with violent force. And, as if that burden wasn't enough, you can sometimes be amazed at the memory of your own past mistakes, which may have been too many. I'm telling you now, for God's sake: don't despair. If this happens (it doesn't have to happen, nor will it usually happen) then turn it into another incentive to join yourself closer to our Lord, because he has chosen you as his child and will not abandon you. Allow this trial to happen to you, so that you will love him more and discover even more clearly his constant protection and Love. We always have an advocate to invoke our purpose before the Father: Just One, Jesus Christ. He, in his own person, is the atonement made for our sins, and not only for ours, but for the sins of the whole world, [c.f. Saint Teresa, Way of Perfection, 40.9 (70.4)] so that we can win victory. Forward, no matter what happens! Cling tightly to the hand of our Lord and remember that God does not lose battles. If you have to step away from him for any reason, react with the humility that will lead you to start over and over again, to play the role of prodigal son every day, and even repeatedly during the twenty-four hours of the same day; to correct your broken heart in Confession, which is a true miracle of God's Love. In this wonderful Mystery our Lord cleanses your soul and fills you with joy and strength to prevent you from giving up the fight, and to help you continue to return to God without rest, when everything seems black. In addition, the Mother of God, who is also our Mother, looks after you with maternal care, guiding your every step. (Friends of God, 214) Haven't you gone against your preference, your whims, at some point, something? You must realize that the one who asks you is pinned to a Cross, suffering in all his senses and abilities, with a crown of thorns in his head... It's for you. It is time to turn to your Blessed Mother in Heaven, so that she may take you in her arms and gain for you a glimpse of mercy from her Son. And try immediately to make some practical decisions: put a stop once and for all, even if it hurts, on this little flaw that holds you back, as God and you yourself know so well. Pride, sensuality and lack of supernatural spirit will combine forces that will suggest: This? But what a small and insignificant It's a thing! Don't play with temptation. Instead, answer: Yes, in this will also be delivered to the divine calling. And you'll be right, because love appears especially in small things. Normally the sacrifices our Lord asks of us, even the most difficult ones, refer to tiny details, but they are as continuous and priceless as the beating of our hearts. How many mothers have you met who were the heroines of an epic or extraordinary event? Few, very few. However, you and I know many mothers who are indeed heroic, truly heroic, who have never understood in something spectacular, who will never hit the headlines as they say. They live the life of constant self-denial, happy to limit their own likes and preferences, their time, their opportunities for self-expression or success, so that they can carpet their children's lives with happiness. (Friends of God, 134) Reflect and experience the Passion of Christ with Him. Offer your shoulders often, daily, when they are flogged; offer your own head to be crowned with thorns. Where I come from they say: Love is repaid with love. (The Forging, 442) Orazio Gentileski | Public SectorFr. Patrick Briscoe, OP - published on 23/10/19! handed my face to the strikers, my head to the crown of the thorn. I have all been abandoned, only My man in contempt; tell Me, of all your sorrows, is there anyone I have never met? ~ Paul Claudel, Pentecostal Hymns there a torment that we know that Christ has not known? In a sense, yes, since Christ has not experienced in his face every pain of every man. It wasn't, for example, wrecked. And yet, the breadth of Christ's pain shows us that he had experienced, in a general sense, all human suffering. He suffered from many tormentors: Jews and Nationals, women and men, friends and those who despised him. It's as if all mankind were against the Lord. They took away his clothes and threw a red military cloak at him. Weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling in front of him, they mocked him, saying, Hail, king of the Jews! They spit on him and took Reid and took him by surprise in the head. (Matthew 27:27-30) The pain of Christ is so touching, not only because of the number of persecutors who attack the Lord, but also because of the way Christ suffers. This mystery of The Rosary stresses that the Lord's pain was both psychological and normal. The insults were hurled, even when the teeth of a tiara weaver pierced his battered head. With blasphemy and blows piles against the Lord, his pain was real... Violent... Prolonged... Extreme. Paul Claudel points out the depth of anguish the Lord endures by saying, The remarkable thing in the history of passion is that no one wants Jesus Christ. He came, says St. John to his, and his did not receive him. The Jews gave him to the Nationals, and the world of nations didn't know what to do with him. Pilate tried to send Him back to Herus, but Herus didn't want any. with Him. The Word Incarnation itself stood before the masses, and returned his words of truth and charity with aspersion and and it was not the first time that the kingdom of God was rejected. Israel was meant to be the occupation of God: a holy nation, a kingdom of priests, a people that stands out (Exodus 9:6). However, Israel's sons and daughters approached the elderly prophet Samuel and demanded that he be like other nations. They wanted a king. And what were the Lord's words to Samuel in his sorrow? The Lord replied: Listen to what the people say. You're not the one they reject. They reject me as their king (1 Samuel 8:7). God allows his people to follow their plans. And so it was that Israel fell victim to unjust and evil kings. Israel's plans and desires become its torment. God's plan, however, was to send Christ, David's heir, to save us from the slavery of self-government. Born from the home of the great king in the city of Bethlehem, Christ is the king who comes to reconcile nations and end the tyranny of humanity's attempted authoritarianism. Reed, and cloak, and thorn tell greater truths than they know. Christ, the humble prince of the stable, now ascends to the throne of the cross to do justice to every governor and people. What crown jewels could rightfully decorate this king? Read more: Could this be why God sometimes allows our wounds to remain open? During the month of October, Aletia offers a brief reflection on each of the 20 mysteries of the Rosary. Follow it here. If you are reading this article, it is thanks to the generosity of people like you who have made Aleteia possible. 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