

# Meditation Rosary: Sorrowful Mysteries

## **1st Mystery: Agony in the Garden**

**Fruit of the Mystery: Contrition for our sins**

Our imbue society with the Christian spirit is particularly to show the condition of man: created by and for love, he is a sinner, redeemed by the blood of Christ. In the Garden of Olives, He suffered in the silence of His heart, in inner anguish, allowing only drops of blood to show. Let us offer this decade in reparation for all the sins of our modern societies, for which so few people think to make reparation. Just as Blessed Francisco Castello Aleu died a martyr in indifference, may our prayer rise silently and intensely to the Father.

## **2nd Mystery: The Scourging Agony at the Pilar**

**Fruit du mystère: Sorrow for our sins of the flesh**

The suffering of Christ is reparative only because it is full of divine love. The blows that disfigure Him save us because they are transfigured by His charity. To imbue society with the Christian spirit is to cultivate within us the virtue that will never pass away: Lord, may our struggles be full of Your love, may we think only of Your glory, without hatred or resentment. May we glory in being persecuted only because it is in Your Name. May Blessed Francisco help us offer our love to the good God for the salvation of our neighbor as he did just before dying for his fiancée.

## **3rd Mystery: Crowning with the Crown of Thorns**

**Fruit of the Mystery: Sorrow for our sins of pride**

Christ is absolutely alone with His tormentors: He is enclosed within the palace, and no one sees Him suffer, no one knows the abyss of agony He traversed at that moment. He no longer has a single disciple, not even His mother to see Him humiliated and mocked, Him, the King of Creation. Lord, we pray in this decade for all those who suffer in silence, in the most absolute abandonment, those who are recognized by no one, even those who think that You might forget them. May the blood of Your martyrs, in the image of that of Blessed Francisco, imbue our societies and restore them according to Your design.

## **4th Mystery: Carrying of the Cross**

**Fruit of the Mystery: Courage in our daily trials**

The Gospels do not dwell on the length of Your way of the cross; but we know it was long and painful, through falls, insults, the hardness of those You were saving. Lord, help us believe that

the struggle is long, arduous, but full of hope; imbuing society with Your love is done in Your image, in the long time and patience, in the thirty years of silence, the three years of preaching, the way of the cross and the sacrifice. The final salvation is the fruit of several thousand years of the Old Testament: give us Your patience and Your love.

**5th Mystery: The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus on the Cross**

**Fruit of the Mystery: Stronger desire and love for God**

Jesus saves us by His death on the Cross. But this salvation is especially in His total abandonment to His Father: "Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit." Salvation is a divine work; we must work hard, in the image of Christ who did not even have a place to rest His head. But Lord, may we never forget that it is indeed You who bring salvation and that we cannot imbue society with the Christian spirit by our own strength alone: we need You, Lord, come to the aid of our weakness! May Blessed Francisco teach us all to entrust ourselves into Your hands!