

They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. 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. Mt 27:28-30

My Lord and my God, we place ourselves at your feet when you were so contemptuously crowned with a crown of thorns. As we kneel at your feet we pour out our love and our tears as we do homage to the "man" God.

We courageously stand before you as a shield so that the spittle and the vomit and the lashings with which you were subjected may fall on us.

We submit ourselves to your tender mercies and love; we who have so many times dismissed you in our daily duties and in our daily lives. May drops of the Precious Blood that fell from your head be for us a cleansing of our selfish desires as we fall at your feet.

As we place crowns on our heads and join with you in this suffering we ask that you completely transform our minds and our hearts. Let our suffering be joined to yours and may our love and tears bring consolation to your immense and tender Sacred Heart.

Father, we firmly rebuke this corona virus and all other deadly diseases in the Holy Name of Jesus, the name above all names, as the shield that stops any invasion to the temple of the Holy Spirit in us. We ask for this through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. Amen

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