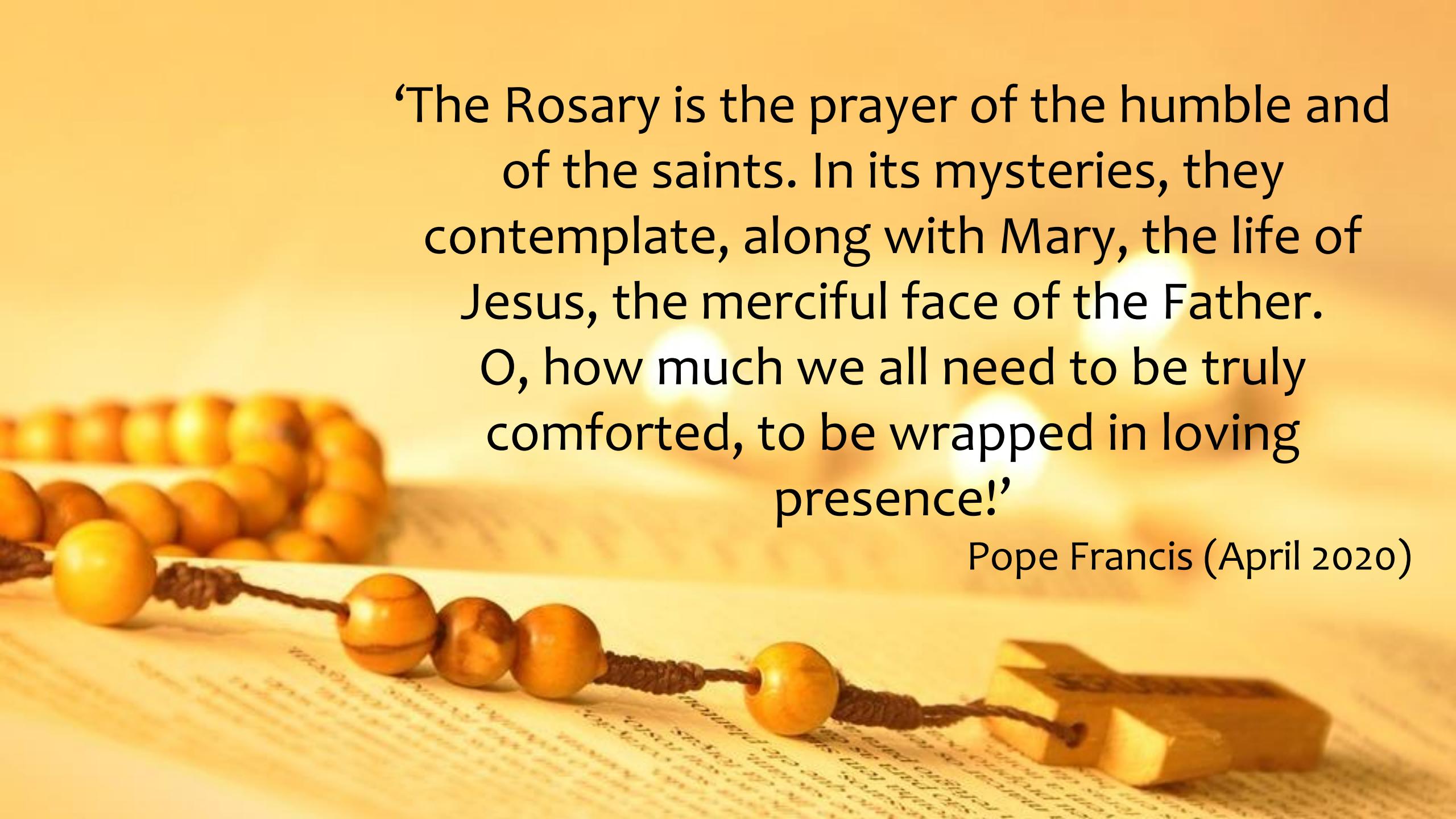




Praying the Rosary with the Diocese of Westminster
Third Sorrowful Mystery - The Crowning with Thorns



A close-up photograph of a wooden rosary with large, light-colored beads and a dark brown cord. The rosary is positioned diagonally across the frame, with its crucifix resting on an open, aged book. The book's pages are yellowed and show some texture. The lighting is warm, creating a contemplative atmosphere.

‘The Rosary is the prayer of the humble and of the saints. In its mysteries, they contemplate, along with Mary, the life of Jesus, the merciful face of the Father. O, how much we all need to be truly comforted, to be wrapped in loving presence!’

Pope Francis (April 2020)

We offer this
decade of the Rosary
for all those affected
by the coronavirus
and we ask the help
of Our Blessed
Mother, Mary, to
take our prayers to
her beloved son,
Jesus.





Our Father
Who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.



1. Pilate asks, “Are you a king?”
Jesus answers: “I am a king, but
my kingdom is not of this world.”

We pray for those in positions of power here on earth. May their leadership be governed by humility, wisdom and care for others.

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Blessed art thou amongst women
And blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus,
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners
Now and at the hour
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2. The soldiers place an old purple robe on Jesus in mockery of his claim to be a king.

We pray for all those facing persecution because of their faith. Give them strength to endure and help us challenge those that mock.

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3. They fashion a crown out of thorns, and forcefully press it down upon his head.

We pray for those feeling burdened and overwhelmed by suffering. Give them hope and strength at this time and help us to be there for them.

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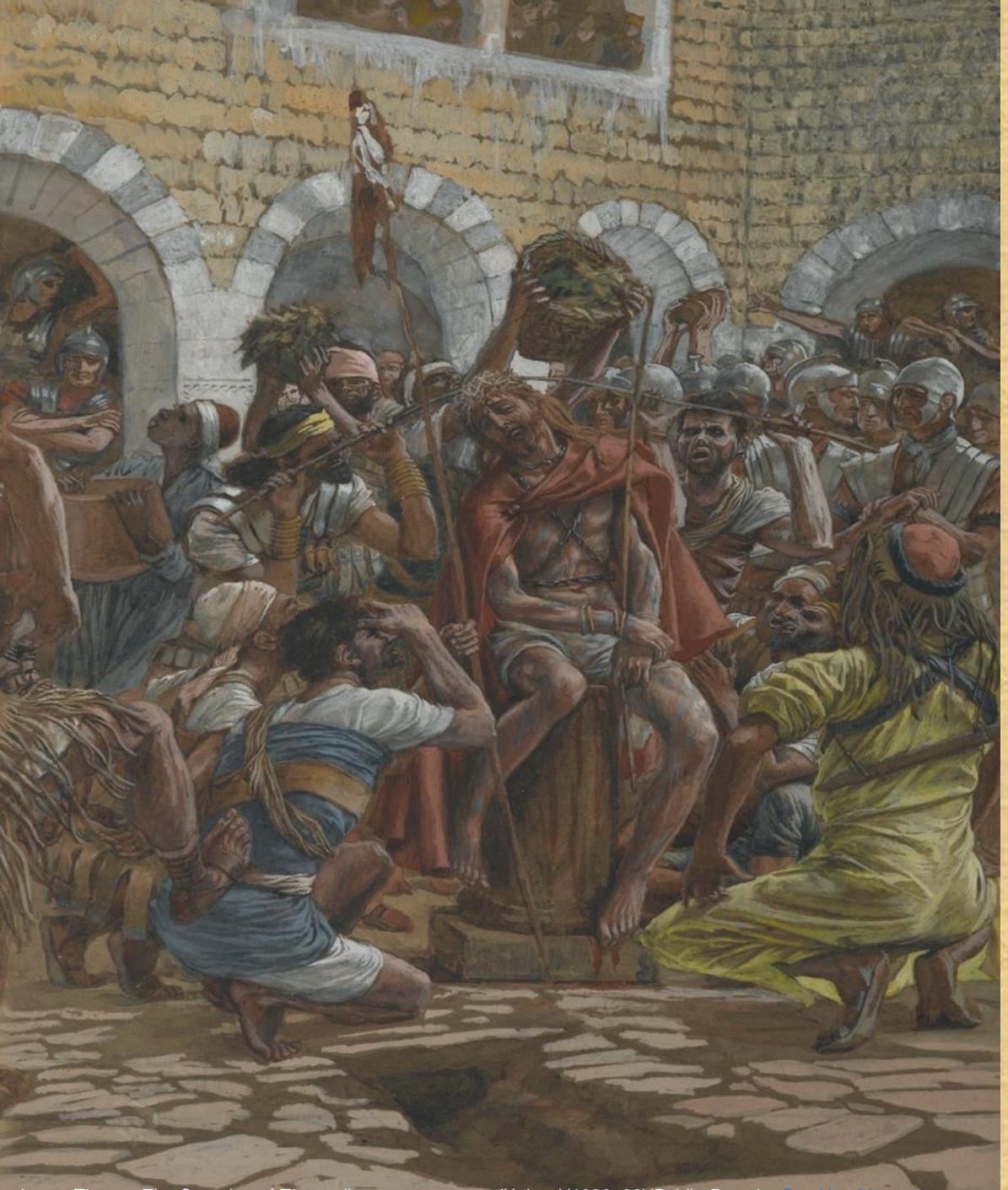


4. In his bound hands
they place a reed, as a
sceptre, in mockery of
his kingship.

We pray that we are
respectful to those
people in leadership.
May we be recognise the
challenges they face and
be slow to criticise and
quick to support.

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5. Kneeling before him in derision, they spit on him, and cry out: “Hail, King of the Jews!”

We ask for justice for those who have been abused. May they receive the dignity and support they need.

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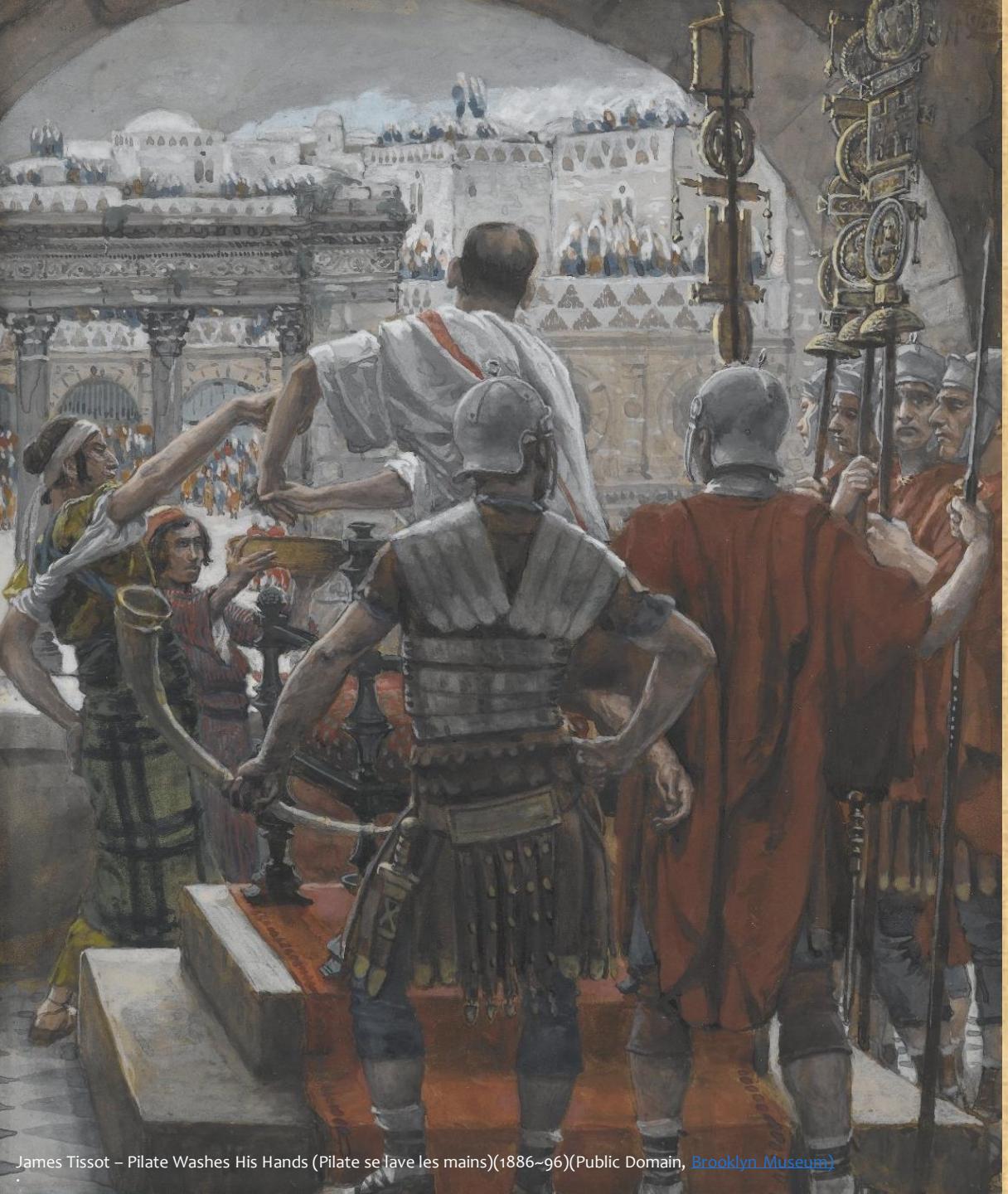


6. Taking the reed from his hand they strike him on the head, driving the thorns more deeply into his scalp.

We pray for those who are feeling frustrated and anxious but the continuing Covid pandemic. Please fill them with your peace and resilience.

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7. Pilate brings Jesus before the people,
hoping his pitiful sight
will soften them:
“Behold the man!”

We pray that our hearts are open to those who are suffering. May we be compassionate and supportive.

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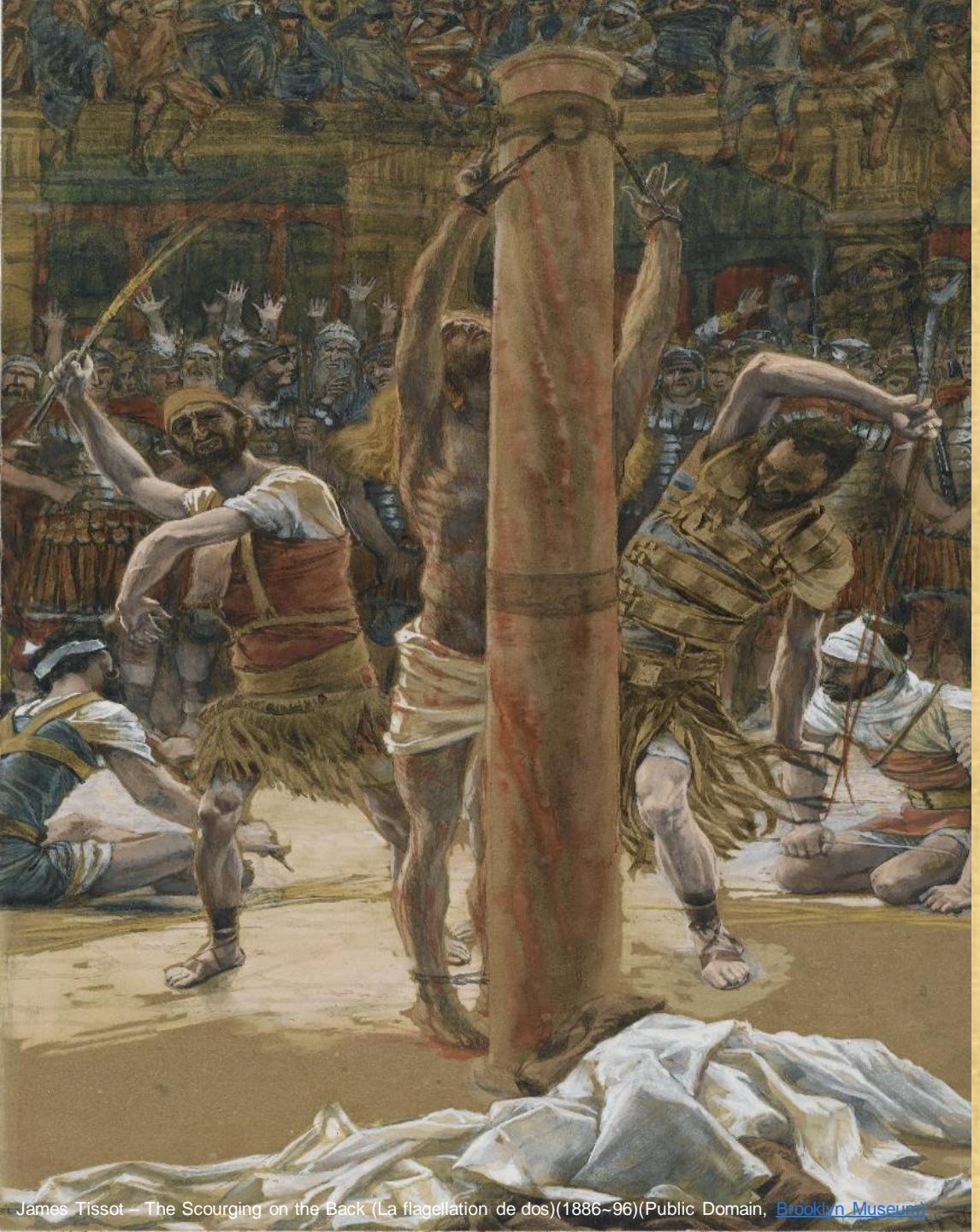


8. Their response: “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”

We pray that we will have the courage and confidence to speak out for those who are falsely accused or oppressed.

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9. Our Blessed Lord suffered terribly for our sake.

We pray that we do not take for granted Christ's suffering. Help us to remember all he endured for our salvation.

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10. Father, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

We thank Christ for his selfless suffering for our redemption and pray for his mercy.

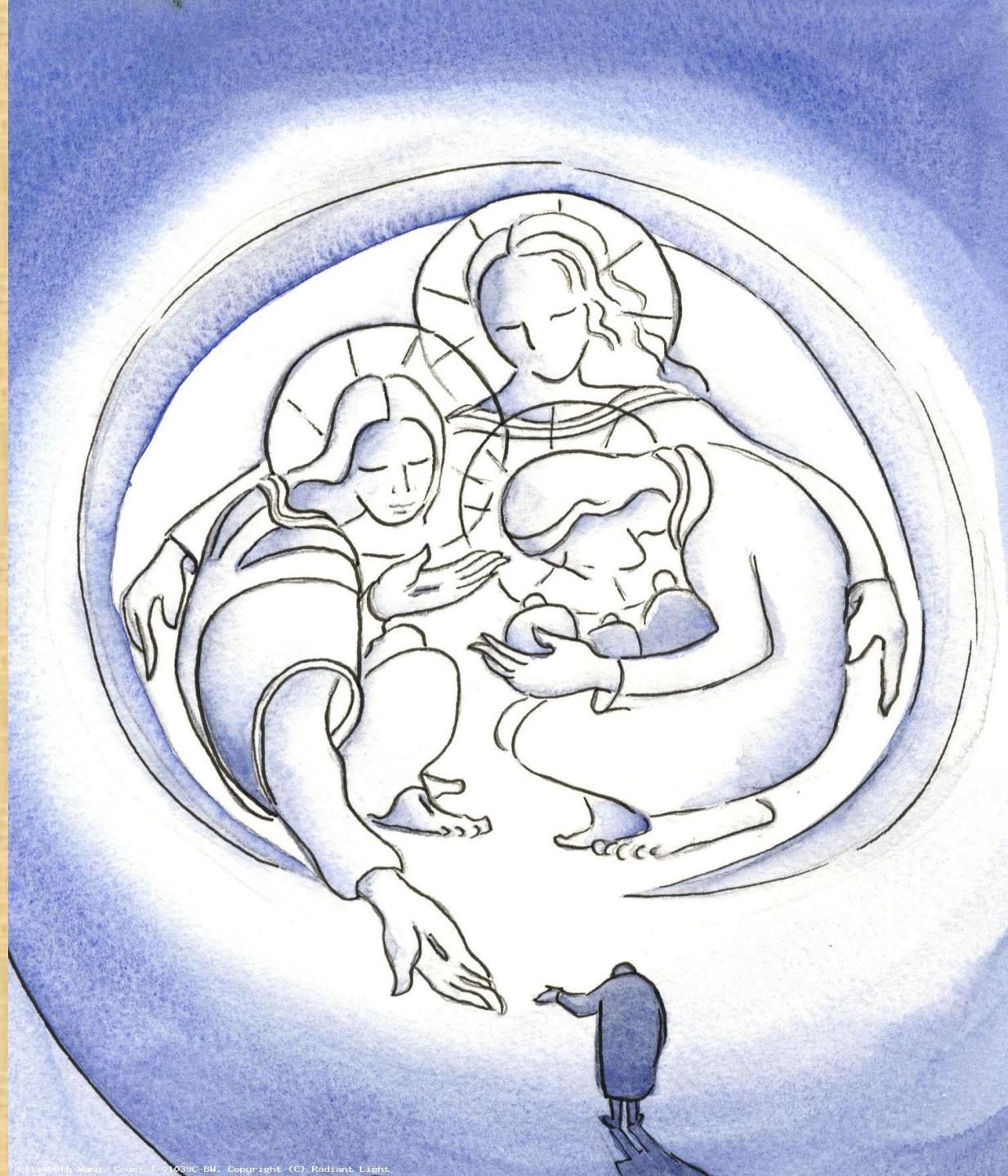
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*Eternal Father, by the merits of
all that your Son suffered in his
being crowned with thorns, may
all your children return to you.
Mary, my Mother, give me your
humility so that Jesus can reign
in my heart.*

*Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end.
Amen.*





Thank you for joining us today...

