

“The Death of Jesus on the Cross”...

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO - LUKE - :

“Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus...the other, however, [rebuked] him...Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ He replied to him, ‘Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’” (Luke 23:39 – 40, 42-43)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

It is true that Jesus promised the good thief, ‘Today you will be with me in Paradise’ (Luke 23:43),¹ but it is also true that He said, ‘stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour’ (Matt. 25:13).¹ Stop, therefore, and reflect! Would you be right with God if this were the last breath of your brief life?
(cf. SLC, p. 372E)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH :

- Regarding death, Saint Francis de Sales says: “Be aware that the day of your death is uncertain...When will it be? In winter or in summer? In town or in the country? During the day or at night? Will you have time to make your confession or not?”

(FRANCIS DE SALES , *Introduction to the Devout Life*, I, 13, Fifth Meditation, translated and edited by Fr. Antony Mookenthottam et al., Second Revised Edition, S.F.S. Publications, Bangalore 1995, <https://www.philothea.de/devout-english.html> [accessed 22 August 2021])

¹ NABRE (USCCB)

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 ...