Walking the Path of Sorrow: using the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

| Notes on using the Liturgy |

Reader I will light a light for an Agony in a Garden:

When the Son of God faced the bleakness of

loneliness

and fear in the face of death.

Reader I will light a light for a Scourging:

The Son of God - despised and rejected, a man of sorrows - acquainted with grief.

Reader I will light a light for a Crowning:

The King of Glory with a crown of thorns:

shamed - humiliated -

powerless in the face of evil.

Reader I will light a light for a Carrying:

A burden beyond bearing -

the sins of the world,

borne by the Lamb of God.

Reader I will light a light for Crucifixion:

Father, forgive them-

they don't know what they are doing.

Stay in prayer as long as feels comfortable.

Allow people time to be sorrowful - perhaps to share

their thoughts and feelings if appropriate.

Reader Jesus said, "Do not be afraid little flock

I have overcome the world."

Reader I will light a light for hope

the life of God confronting the evil of the world the light of God: a beacon of hope for his faithful

people.

Ideas for using this Liturgy

This is a simple, contemplative liturgy - rest on the tradition of generations of people who have prayed the Rosary in difficult and dangerous situations

- Arrange 5 small lights around one central candle.
- With each "I will light..." light one candle.
- If saying in a group, several people may wish to share the readings. You may also wish to change "I will.." to "we will..."
- When the candle is lit, say a decade of the Rosary... then move on to the next.
- Finally light the candle representing the light and life of God.

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