

Sunday 24 March 2024

Palm Sunday

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

*In our world with all its social media pray for all who are attacked unfairly and treated scornfully
Pray for people who have lost trust in God because of what has happened in their lives*

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

*With so much injustice and cruelty across the world pray for all victims of repression and their families
Think of all the places of war and conflict today and pray for all who have been injured, maimed and killed*

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

*Pray for innocent victims of war, those who have seen their homes and livelihoods destroyed
Reflect how we can become inured to the violence we see in the media; pray to be always empathetic*

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.

*Thank God for your Christian community as you gather to remember the sacrifice of Christ on the cross
Pray that with the Church we may help people know the value of the cross and resurrection for our lives*