### First Mystery: Agony in the Garden:

We stand with all parents, but especially those in Gaza and the Ukraine, who are agonizing over the care and safety of their children. Where can they find the resources for food, education, and healthcare? We support their ongoing search for a life free from violence and fear.



### **Second Mystery: The Scourging at the Pillar:**

This public scourging of pain and humiliation affects immigrants in the United States and throughout the world who suffer misunderstandings, shame, and abuse because of their skin color, accents, or backgrounds.

### **Third Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns:**

In our country there are those who think they are almighty kings. They rule without justice and equity. May we continue to be involved with those democratic-educational institutions, community, social, health, and religious centers who contribute to growth and solutions.

## **Fourth Mystery: The Carrying of the Cross:**

We pray today in gratitude for all those who labor in fields and factories, seeking justice, safety, and equality in the workplace. May we be the continuing voice that advocates and asks critical questions around violence, labor, housing, schooling, and citizenship.

# Fifth Mystery: Crucifixion and Death:

As the words "Father, forgive them." surge in our hearts may we become a more Understanding, Peace Building, and Forgiving Nation, offering beauty through the arts, music and liturgical context.

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