

The next window illustrates "Jesus Praying in the Garden of Gethsemane": "Jesus fell with his face to the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me; yet not as I will, but as you will.... My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.'"¹

On the left of the picture of Jesus praying are flowers: roses of Sharon. The flower symbolizes resurrection. In I Corinthians 15 Paul describes resurrection to everlasting life as a seed which goes into the ground and emerges as a new body, a new life. So it is with the new immortal and imperishable body as contrasted with the old body of the mortal and perishable. For more information on the rose of Sharon, see the narrative and references on the front Rose window.

On the right is a cross with a crown of thorns and the letters: "INRI." These letters were placed over Jesus' head on the cross of Calvary by the Roman governor Pilate. They are translated into English as: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."²

"The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe and went up to him again and again, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!'"³ The crown of thorns is emblematic of the suffering of Christ. To those who do not recognize Jesus as the *Messiah* [Hebrew] or *Christos* [Greek] of God, the crown of thorns is a mockery of the crown of a king. It is impossible to determine the particular variety of thorn as it is a generic Greek word for thorny plants.

At the bottom of the window, the Lord's Prayer continues with, "But Deliver Us From Evil." Evil is a term designating that which is not in harmony with the divine order. Moral evil, or sin, is any lack of conformity to the moral law of God and is the cause of the existence of evil. Evil entered the world with Adam and Eve's disobedience. The consequences of their choice affected their lives as well as subsequent generations.⁴ This has been rectified through the redemption of Jesus Christ. "For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man [Christ]. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive."⁵ Evil has been permitted by God in order that his justice might be manifested in punishment and his grace in forgiveness.⁶

The third verse of the hymn "How Great Thou Art" illustrates the redemptive suffering of Christ:

"And when I think that God his son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died, to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art;
then sings my soul, my savior God to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!"