

In today's Epistle, Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:41-33 and 12:1-9, Saint Paul speaks to us about himself and his walk with God in his ministry. He relates to us that after asking for a "thorn" which he suffered from, this exactly we do not know what it was, that the Lord said to him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Dearest ones, we will encounter "thorns" in our life living the Gospel. The *thorn of Saint Paul* was an affliction to which caused him to be weak, offering a sacrifice to the God he loves with all his heart, soul, mind and strength and for the *neighbors* he loved. It is through his weakness he was made strong by God's grace.

We too can do the same, so that in Christ Jesus we are made strong even in our weaknesses. We too can say that it isn't us who live but Christ who lives within us, so that all honor, glory, worship and thanksgiving will be due to Him in the highest; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always, and forever and ever, amen.