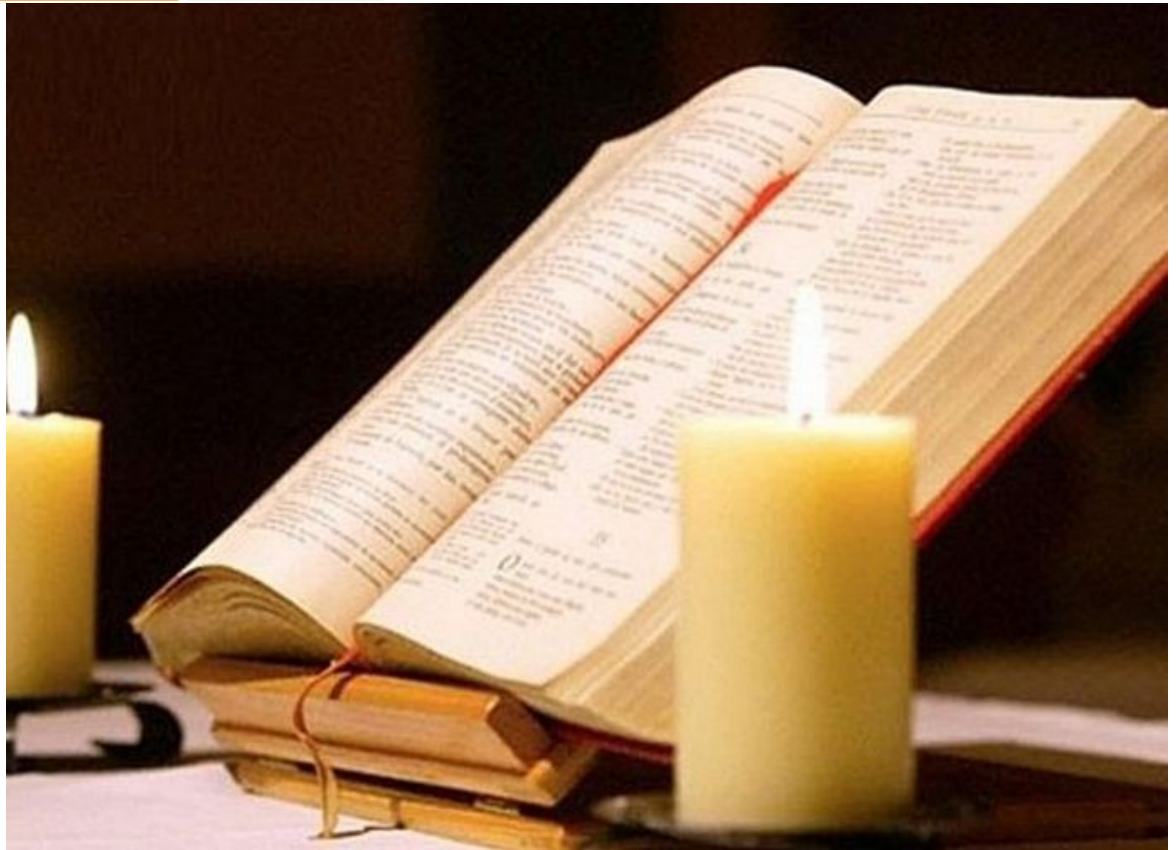


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Why do we complain about the Cross?

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Jesus said to his disciples: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11: 28-30)

The yoke is the very Cross that each of us has to bear during our lives on earth. It is often marked more by hardship and suffering than by joy. The weight of this yoke is

more unbearable when we believe that we are the only ones to share the burden, so we try to do everything to make it as light as possible. If, on the other hand, we entrust ourselves totally to Jesus, recovering the meaning and purpose of life and having a clear point of arrival (Heaven), even the yoke, if taken up with love, becomes far lighter. This is also because it is carried by two people: 1% by us and 99% Jesus. Yet, we still complain about the Cross?