~ An old and beautiful legend says that, at the time of the crucifixion, the dogwood was comparable in size to the oak tree and other large trees of the forest. Because of its firmness and strength it was selected as the timber for the cross. But to be put to such a cruel use greatly distressed the tree. Sensing this, the crucified Jesus in his

gentle pity for the sorrow
"Because of your sorrow and
again
large enough to be used as a
Henceforth it will be slender,
blossoms
~ Two long and two short
outer edge



and suffering of all said to it: pity for My sufferings, never will the dogwood tree grow cross.

bent and twisted and its will be in the form of a cross petals. In the center of the of each petal there will be nail

prints

~ Brown with rust and stained with red ~ And in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see this will remember." ~ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16