

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH



READ THE PASSAGE:

"THEN PILATE SAW THAT HE WAS MAKING NO IMPRESSION, THAT IN FACT A RIOT WAS IMMINENT. SO HE TOOK SOME WATER, WASHED HIS HANDS IN FRONT OF THE CROWD AND SAID, "I AM INNOCENT OF THIS MAN'S BLOOD. IT IS YOUR CONCERN." AND THE PEOPLE, TO A MAN, SHOUTED BACK, 'HIS BLOOD BE ON US AND ON OUR CHILDREN!"... HE ORDER JESUS TO FIRST BE SCOURGED AND THEN HANDED OVER TO BE CRUCIFIED." (MATTHEW 27: 24-26)

READ THE REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF MERCY.

ONE OF THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO ADMONISH THE SINNER. THIS MEANS THAT WE DO NOT JUDGE, BUT WE ARE SUPPORTIVE IN HELPING OTHERS FIND THEIR WAY AND CORRECT THEIR MISTAKES. JESUS DOES THIS WITH PONTIUS PILATE IN THIS PASSAGE. HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH TO PILATE WITHOUT BEING DISRESPECTFUL. HE TRIES TO HELP HIM SEE WHAT IS TRUE AND RIGHT.

HOW DOES THIS STATION APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?

FROM THIS STATION, WE CAN LEARN..

FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

JESUS, GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO BE A GOOD CHRISTIAN WHEN PEOPLE SAY FALSE THINGS ABOUT ME OR MISUNDERSTAND ME. HELP ME TO ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH LIKE JESUS DID, EVEN WHEN IT IS HARD.

2ND STATION



JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS



READ THE PASSAGE:

"THEY TOOK JESUS, AND CARRYING HIS CROSS, HE SET OUT FOR THE PLACE CALLED CALVARY, WHICH IN HEBREW MEANS "GOLGOTHA". (JOHN 19: 17)

READ THE REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF MERCY.

ONE OF THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY. THIS MEANS THAT WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO US, WE ARE NOT BITTER OR ANGRY. WE PLACE OUR HOPE IN GOD SO THAT WE CAN ENDURE THE DIFFICULT SITUATIONS WITH PATIENCE. JESUS SHOWS US AN EXAMPLE OF THAT IN THIS STATION. HE TAKES UP HIS CROSS PATIENTLY AND SETS OUT ON A LONG WALK TO WHERE HE WILL BE CRUCIFIED.

HOW DOES THIS STATION APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?

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FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

JESUS IN THE MOMENT OF YOUR PASSION YOU ARE HANDED A VERY HEAVY CROSS. I AM SORRY FOR THE WEIGHT OF THE CROSS AND MY SINS THAT WEIGH IT DOWN.

3RD STATION



JESUS FALLS FOR THE FIRST TIME



READ THE PASSAGE:

"COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO ARE TIRED AND OVERBURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART." (MATTHEW 11: 28-29)

READ THE REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF MERCY.

ONE OF THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO VISIT THE SICK. THIS MEANS THAT WHEN SOMEONE IS DOWN OR ILL, WE SHOULD BE THERE TO HELP THEM FEEL BETTER AND IF POSSIBLE LIFT THEM UP - AT LEAST THEIR SPIRITS. IN THIS STATION, JESUS FELL UNDER THE HEAVY WEIGHT OF THE CROSS AND SOMEONE HAD TO HELP HIM UP TO CONTINUE. SOMETIMES PEOPLE JUST NEED A HELPING HAND OR A KIND ACT WHEN THEY ARE DOWN OR ILL.

HOW DOES THIS STATION APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?

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FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

JESUS, WHEN YOU FALL YOU MUST FEEL HUMILIATED AND EVERYONE MAKES FUN OF YOU. YET YOU DO THIS OUT OF LOVE FOR US IN ORDER TO SAVE OUR SOULS. THANK YOU FOR THIS EXAMPLE OF HOW I SHOULD GET UP WHEN I FALL.



JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER MARY



READ THE PASSAGE:

"MARY PONDERED ALL OF THESE THINGS AND KEPT THEM IN HER HEART." (LUKE 2: 19)

READ THE REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF MERCY.

ONE OF THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO VISIT THE IMPRISONED. IN THIS STATION, MARY COMES OUT OF THE CROWD AND STEPS INTO JESUS' PATH TO SPEAK TO HIM AND KEEP HIM COMPANY. THE CROWDS THOUGHT JESUS WAS A HORRIBLE CRIMINAL BUT MARY DID NOT FEAR WHAT PEOPLE THOUGHT. SHE WAS THERE FOR JESUS WHEN HE NEEDED IT. SOME PEOPLE ARE IMPRISONED IN JAILS BECAUSE OF CRIMES THEY HAVE COMMITTED AND NEED OUR PRAYERS.

HOW DOES THIS STATION APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?

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FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

JESUS IN THIS MOMENT OF YOUR PASSION YOU MEET YOUR MOTHER ALONG THE WAY AND STOP TO SPEAK TO HER. HELP ME TO REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS IN LIFE TO BE THERE FOR MY FAMILY AND TO TURN TO MY PARENTS IN HARD MOMENTS.



SIMON HELPS JESUS TO CARRY HIS CROSS



READ THE PASSAGE:

"THEY LED HIM OUT CRUCIFY HIM. THEY ENLISTED A PASSER-BY, SIMON OF CYRENE, FATHER OF ALEXANDER AND RUFUS, WHO WAS COMING IN FROM THE COUNTRY, TO CARRY THE CROSS." (MARK 15: 20-22)

READ THE REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF MERCY.

ONE OF THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT. THIS MEANS WE SHOULD LEARN ABOUT OUR FAITH AND BE OPEN TO TALKING WITH OTHERS ABOUT OUR BELIEFS. IN THIS PASSAGE, SIMON LEARNS HOW TO CARRY THE CROSS FROM JESUS. SIMON LATER BECAME A BISHOP AND CHRISTIAN LEADER AFTER THIS EXPERIENCE WITH JESUS. WE KNOW THAT THIS MOMENT CHANGED HIS LIFE FOREVER. JESUS TAUGHT HIM TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.

HOW DOES THIS STATION APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?

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FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

JESUS IN THIS MOMENT OF YOUR PASSION THE SOLDIERS CALL SIMON - WHO IS PASSING BY- TO HELP YOU. GIVE ME THE GRACE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED, STAND UP FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T DO IT FOR THEMSELVES.



VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS



READ THE PASSAGE:

"IF ANYONE GIVES SO MUCH AS A CUP OF COLD WATER TO ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES BECAUSE HE IS DISCIPLE, AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, HE WILL MOST CERTAINLY NOT LOSE HIS REWARD."

(MATTHEW 10: 42)

READ THE REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF MERCY.

ONE OF THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY. IN THIS PASSAGE WE SEE VERONICA COME TO JESUS AND TRY TO REFRESH HIS FACE BY WIPING HIS FACE. THE SOLDIERS WOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE ALLOWED HER TO GIVE HIM A DRINK, BUT SHE WAS ABLE TO WIPE AWAY THE DIRT AND BLOOD FROM HIS EYES AND FACE. SHE WAS REWARDED WITH JESUS' IMAGE BEING LEFT ON THE CLOTH SHE USED.

HOW DOES THIS STATION APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?

FROM THIS STATION, WE CAN LEARN..

FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

VERONICA SAW YOU AND WANTED TO HELP IN A SMALL WAY WITH AN ACT OF KINDNESS. SHE COULD NOT CARRY YOUR CROSS BUT SHE COULD WIPE YOUR FACE AND COMFORT YOU. SOMETIMES I DON'T THINK I CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD BUT



JESUS FALLS FOR THE 2ND TIME

READ THE PASSAGE:



"HE WHO LOVES HIS LIFE, LOSES IT, BUT HE WHO LOSES HIS LIFE IN THIS WORLD WILL SAVE IT FOR ETERNAL LIFE." (JOHN 12:25)

READ THE REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF MERCY.

ONE OF THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL. EVERYONE HAS MOMENTS OF DOUBT IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY. WE SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT CHRIST IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE AND TURN TO HIM ALONG OUR WAY. IN THIS STATION, JESUS FALLS ANOTHER TIME AND SHOWS US THAT EVERYONE CAN FALTER SOMETIMES. WE SHOULD NOT FOCUS ON THE FALLS OR DOUBTS, BUT FOCUS ON GETTING UP AND CONTINUING ON.

HOW DOES THIS STATION APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?

FROM THIS STATION, WE CAN LEARN..

FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

JESUS IN THIS MOMENT OF YOUR PASSION YOU FALL AGAIN. THE CROSS MUST HAVE BEEN SO HEAVY THAT WOULD COULD NOT CONTINUE ON WALKING. BUT YOU DID NOT STAY DOWN AND PITY YOURSELF, YOU STOOD BACK UP AND CONTINUED ON YOUR PATH. WHEN I FALL INTO SIN OR TEMPTATION, I SHOULD LOOK TO YOU AND STAND



JESUS MEETS THE WEEPING WOMEN



READ THE PASSAGE:

"A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM THE TOWN INCLUDING WOMEN FOLLOWED HIM AND WEPT FOR HIM." (LUKE 23: 27)

READ THE REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF MERCY.

ONE OF THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO COMFORT THE SORROWFUL. THIS MEANS WE NEED TO BE OPEN TO LISTENING AND COMFORTING THOSE WHO ARE DEALING WITH GRIEF. EVEN IF WE AREN'T SURE OF THE RIGHT WORDS TO SAY, OUR PRESENCE OR A SMILE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. IN THIS STATION, THE WOMEN FROM JERUSALEM ARE WEEPING AT THE SIGHT OF JESUS. SO HE TURNS TO THEM AND COMFORTS THEM IN THEIR SORROW.

HOW DOES THIS STATION APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?

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FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

JESUS IN THIS MOMENT OF YOUR PASSION YOU LOOK TO THE CROWD AND SEE THE PEOPLE WHO MADE FUN OF YOU AND ALSO THE PEOPLE WHO CARED ABOUT YOU. SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO CARED WERE THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM. THEY WERE IN PAIN TO SEE YOU IN PAIN. THEY SHOW US HOW IMPORTANT COMPASSION IS FOR



JESUS FALLS FOR THE THIRD TIME



READ THE PASSAGE:

"TRULY, TRULY I SAY TO YOU, IF A GRAIN OF WHEAT DOES NOT FALL TO THE EARTH AND DIE, IT REMAINS ONLY A SINGLE GRAIN; BUT IF IT DIES, IT WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT. HE WHO LOVES HIS LIFE, LOSES IT, BUT HE WHO LOSES HIS LIFE IN THIS WORLD WILL SAVE IT FOR ETERNAL LIFE." (JOHN 12: 24-25)

READ THE REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF MERCY.

ONE OF THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO FEED THE HUNGRY. IN THIS STATIONS WE SEE JESUS FALL AGAIN FOR THE THIRD TIME AND HE IS WEAKER AND NEEDS SOMEONE TO HELP HIM GET UP TO CONTINUE. SOMETIMES WE WILL MEET PEOPLE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY OR SPIRITUALLY HUNGRY. THEY CAN BE DOWN ON THEIR LUCK WITH NO MONEY FOR THEIR NEXT MEAL OR DOWN IN THE DUMPS. WE NEED TO GIVE THEM THE FOOD THEY ARE LOOKING FOR.

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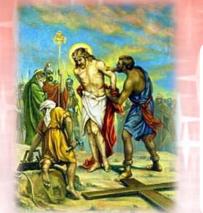
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FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

JESUS IN THIS MOMENT OF YOUR PASSION YOU FALL AGAIN BECAUSE THE CROSS IS GETTING TO BE TOO HEAVY. SOMETIMES IN MY LIFE THINGS CAN SEEM SO BUSY AND TOO MUCH FOR ME TO CARRY. IN THOSE MOMENTS LET ME REMEMBER THAT



JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS



READ THE PASSAGE:

"AND WHEN THEY CAME TO A PLACE CALLED GOLGOTHA (WHICH MEANS THE PLACE OF THE SKULL) THEY GAVE JESUS WINE TO DRINK MIXED WITH GALL. BUT WHEN HE TASTED IT, HE REFUSED TO DRINK. THEY DIVIDED HIS GARMENTS BY CASTING LOTS; THEN THEY SAT DOWN AND KEPT WATCH OVER HIM THERE." (MATTHEW 27: 33-36)

READ THE REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF MERCY.

ONE OF THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR. IN THIS STATION WE SEE JESUS BEING STRIPPED OF HIS CLOTHING BEFORE THEY CRUCIFY HIM ON THE CROSS. HE WAS LEFT WITH NOTHING HANGING THERE, NOT EVEN CLOTHING. SOMETIMES WE WILL MEET PEOPLE IN LIFE WHO HAVE NOTHING AND ARE IN NEED OF CLOTHING, FOOD OR SHELTER. JESUS KNEW WHAT THEY FELT LIKE AND WHEN WE HELP THEM, IT BRINGS JOY TO JESUS' HEART.

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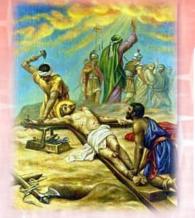
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FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

JESUS IN THIS MOMENT OF YOUR PASSION YOU WERE STRIPPED OF YOUR CLOTHES AND EVERYTHING YOU OWNED. YOU WERE HUMILIATED AND LEFT WITH NOTHING. WHEN WE DIE WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE ANYTHING WITH US TO HEAVEN.



JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS



READ THE PASSAGE:

"THEY CRUCIFIED HIM, AND WITH HIM TWO OTHERS, ONE ON EITHER SIDE, WITH JESUS IN THE MIDDLE. PILATE ALSO HAD AN INSCRIPTION WRITTEN AND PUT ON THE CROSS. IT READ, JESUS THE NAZARENE, KING OF THE JEWS.' NOW MANY OF THE JEWS READ THIS INSCRIPTION, BECAUSE THE PLACE WHERE JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED WAS NEAR THE CITY; AND IT WAS WRITTEN IN HEBREW, LATIN AND GREEK." (JOHN 19: 18-20)

READ THE REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF MERCY.

ONE OF THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO FORGIVE INJURIES. IN THIS STATION WE SEE JESUS BEING NAILED TO THE CROSS. IT WAS A BRUTAL AND CRUEL WAY OF DYING AND THE PAIN THAT HE MUST HAVE EXPERIENCED WE CANNOT EVEN IMAGINE. AS HE HUNG ON THE CROSS, HE FORGAVE THOSE PEOPLE WHO DID THIS TO HIM. HE SAID "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM." JESUS SHOWS US THAT FORGIVENESS IS PART OF MERCY. OUR HEARTS CANNOT HOLD GRUDGES.

HOW DOES THIS STATION APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?

FROM THIS STATION, WE CAN LEARN..

FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

JESUS IN THIS MOMENT OF YOUR PASSION, YOU ARE LAID ON THE CROSS AND THE SOLDIERS NAIL YOUR HANDS AND YOUR FEET TO THE CROSS. YOU SHOW ME THAT SOMETIMES WE WILL NOT BE TREATED FAIRLY OR KINDLY FOR BEING FAITHFUL TO HOW GOD WANTS US TO LIVE. HELP ME TO BE STRONG IN THE MOMENT WHEN



JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS



READ THE PASSAGE:

"JESUS CRIED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE, 'FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT"; AND WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS HE BREATHED HIS LAST." (LUKE 23: 46)

READ THE REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF MERCY.

ONE OF THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND DEAD. IN THIS STATION, JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS FOR OUR SINS. BEFORE HE DIES, HIS LAST WORDS ARE PRAYING TO HIS FATHER FOR THOSE WHO HURT HIM, FOR HIS APOSTLES, FOR HIS MOTHER. HE NEVER FORGETS TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM HE LOVES OR WHO NEED HIS PRAYERS. AFTER JESUS DIES, MARY AND JOHN ARE THERE PRAYING FOR JESUS.

HOW DOES THIS STATION APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?

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FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

JESUS THIS IS THE MOMENT WHEN YOU DIED ON THE CROSS FOR MY SINS. YOUR MOTHER AND JOHN WERE THERE AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS LISTENING TO YOUR LAST WORDS AND TRYING TO BE THERE FOR YOU.



JESUS IS TAKEN FROM THE CROSS



READ THE PASSAGE:

"WHEN EVENING CAME, A RICH MAN NAMED JOSEPH FROM ARIMETHEA CAME; HE WAS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS. HE CAME BEFORE PILATE AND ASKED FOR THE BODY. PILATE THEN ORDERED THAT THE BODY BE GIVEN TO HIM." (MATTHEW 27: 57-58)

READ THE REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF MERCY.

ONE OF THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO GIVE SHELTER TO THE HOMELESS. IN THIS STATION, JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS AND JOSEPH OF ARIMETHEA OFFERS A TOMB TO BURY JESUS' BODY IN. WHEN WE SAY THAT THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST, WE MEAN THAT EVERY PERSON IN THE WORLD SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE JESUS. WE SHOULD CARE ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS OR IN NEED OF SHELTER AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER.

HOW DOES THIS STATION APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?

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FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

IN THIS MOMENT AFTER YOUR DEATH, MARY AND JOHN AND YOUR DISCIPLES WERE COMPLETELY OVERCOME WITH SADNESS AND GRIEF. SORROW IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS WHEN WE LOSE SOMEONE WE LOVE. OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES AND LOVE INSPIRE US TO BE BETTER PEOPLE.



JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB



READ THE PASSAGE:

"AFTER HE HAD TAKEN THE BODY DOWN, HE WRAPPED IT IN A LINEN CLOTH AND LAID HIM IN A ROCK HEWN TOMB IN WHICH NO ONE HAD YET BEEN BURIED. THEN HE ROLLED A STONE AGAINST THE ENTRANCE TO THE TOMB. MARY MAGDALENE AND MARY THE MOTHER OF JOSEPH WATCHED WHERE HE WAS LAID." (LUKE 23: 53-54; MARK 15: 46-47)

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ONE OF THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY IN THE CHURCH IS TO BURY THE DEAD. IN THIS STATION, JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB AFTER HE IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS. MARY AND JOHN MAKE SURE THAT JESUS HAS A PROPER BURIAL TO SHOW RESPECT FOR HIM. PART OF OUR CATHOLIC BELIEFS IS TO LOVE AND RESPECT EACH HUMAN BEING IN LIFE AND DEATH.

HOW DOES THIS STATION APPLY TO YOUR LIFE?

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FINISH THE PRAYER BELOW:

JESUS HELP ME TO REMEMBER THAT BEING A CHRISTIAN MEANS I BELIEVE IN THE CROSS AND YOUR PASSION AND DEATH BUT I ALSO BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION. YOUR RESURRECTION INSPIRES ME TO HOPE AND KNOW THAT YOU HAVE CONQUERED DEATH. THAT GIVES ME STRENGTH BECAUSE