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## JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

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Alone, mocked, beaten and spat on, Jesus is condemned to death.

Forced to carry his cross with no one to aid him, he is left to suffer his inevitable fate. Frequently our poorest brothers and sisters in Christ are ignored by an oblivious world that often condemns them to death when their cries for help go unnoticed.

*Lord, let us always hear and respond to the cry of the poor as we serve our brothers and sisters in need.*



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## JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS

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The heavy weight of the cross bears down upon Christ in His struggle to walk on the long road to Golgotha. Forced to walk miles every day to find wood his impoverished family can cook with, he carries the pain of his daily burden on his back, seeking something most of us don't need in order to survive.

*Lord, let us always be there to serve  
our brothers and sisters in need.*



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III



## JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

Staggering beneath the tremendous burden of extreme poverty, Christ collapses to the ground from the pain of this cross—He has no home, no food, no proper clothing, no water and no hope. He is among thousands of voices crying out for a caring hand to help him to his feet. Our poorest brothers and sisters in Christ have nowhere to turn, because their neighbors are impoverished too. They cling to hope and prayer in the struggle to survive each day.

*Lord, may we never fail to reach out in compassion to feed You and ease Your pain as we serve our brothers and sisters in need.*





## JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER

An anguished Mary watches in despairing silence as her precious little boy suffers from hunger and the indignity of poverty. Without resources or income to feed him or to build a safe comfortable home, this woman and other women like her bear the overwhelming burden of poverty that condemns their children's futures.

*Lord, let us always shelter You from the storm as we reach out with a loving hand to serve our brothers and sisters in need.*





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## SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS

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She is too weak from hunger to stand on her own. This poor young girl depends on help from others to carry the burden of poverty. It is in caring for one another that we help lift the cross of suffering from the shoulders of the poor. We are honored and blessed to help Jesus carry His cross as we walk with Him to Calvary.

*Lord, we faithfully share Your struggle to carry the cross of hunger, disease and homelessness as we reach out to serve our brothers and sisters in need.*





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## VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

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In an uncertain world, where the poor and sickly are often abandoned and ignored, Jesus is comforted by a nurturing and caring child. Sad and alone, Christ finds temporary solace in a simple act of kindness. With few medical resources available, and lacking the reassurance of a simple human touch, Christ suffers in the countless ill people who are alone and abandoned in the developing world.

*Let us set aside fear and embrace faith in all circumstances as we reach out to serve our brothers and sisters in need.*



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## JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME

Under the tremendous weight of the cross, Christ falls to the ground from the tremendous burden of poverty. Reaching out for a caring hand, he finds none. He is invisible, just one of thousands of voices crying out for simple human dignity. Our poorest brothers and sisters are ignored and forgotten. With nowhere to turn, they cling to hope and prayer in their daily struggle to survive.

*Lord, help us to meet the spiritual and material needs of others, and to remember that you bring us hope so that we may bring Your light to the world.*



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## JESUS COMFORTS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

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Their laments echoing across the barren plains, the women reach out in desperation for food to feed their hungry children. Their farmlands are parched, their jobs picking coffee have vanished and hunger is a constant cry of suffering in their houses. All they have in abundance is the grief of watching their little ones starve. Though they themselves suffer, the Christ within moves them to try to comfort their families.

*Give us Your love, Lord, so we may in turn share  
Your love as we feed our brothers and sisters in need.*



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## JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

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Starving and neglected, Christ is alone in need of love. Jesus' frail body is in desperate need of nutritious food. Ignored by others, Christ is branded as worthless. Loving hands offering food and fellowship give strength to Jesus' spirit and help Him rise from the ashes of poverty. Thousands more precious and vulnerable children fall beneath the cross of starvation and crushing loneliness.

*Lord, let us give the hungry this day their daily bread, and forgive those who cast the poor aside with indifference. Give us the courage and strength to serve our poorest brothers and sisters.*





## JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

Christ is stripped of dignity, freedom and the chance for a better future. He is alone and vulnerable. There is nowhere for Him to go for help. He must live in this impoverished state. Others turn their heads, unable to witness His helplessness.

*Lord, let us always respect the dignity in each one of Your precious children. In all the situations in which we encounter You, help us to turn toward You with compassion and love.*



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## JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

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The suffering poor live in the shadows of the cross, ignored or forgotten by the world. Much of the world simply looks on without caring, as Christ endures unspeakable suffering in His poverty.

*Forgive us Lord, when we become too preoccupied with our own lives and ignore the silent suffering of the poor. Help us to remain faithful to You, and focused on what You have called us to do.*



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XII



## JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Christ hangs on the cross of destitution for what seems like an endless amount of time. Without a proper home to live in, food to eat, or clean water to drink, Jesus will be tormented for a lifetime. The poor lead lives of quiet desperation, struggling to survive each day.

*Jesus, let us always remember those whose lives are overcome by poverty, and help us to comfort and love in the same way that You love us — completely and unconditionally.*



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## **JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS**

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When a poor mother is faced with the death of one of her children, she has little left except faith and hope; hope that someone will help her in her darkest hour, and faith in God's eternal promise to all of us. From the sadness of a mother afraid her child might die from starvation, the seeds of hope are sown and nurtured by those who have only their trust in God to rely on.

*Lord, give us compassionate hearts to mourn with the poor while reaching out to help them transform their lives. Help us to never leave You alone and to hold You close in Your hour of greatest need.*



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## JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

Buried beneath oppression, starvation and homelessness, Jesus silently lies in his tomb, ignored by the rest of the world. This burial place is not even his own, but rather a cave belonging to someone else. Consumed in their own busy lives and uncomfortable at the sight of the homeless, many look away as they hurry past. Lord, how many times have we passed You by because we are buried in our own concerns and fail to see You in our poorest brothers and sisters who are suffering?

*Jesus, grant us the courage to look upon the plight of the “least” of our brothers and sisters, and share the light of Your love with those who are ignored, rejected and overlooked.*